

*The family of
Bloke Brajnitchoff
acknowledges with grateful
appreciation your kind expression
of sympathy*

Money enclosed for
masses for
Blake Braginitoff
Intention

Many thanks to you dear
Father Alayrine for the
comfort and prayers
which you offered for
Blake during his recent
illness. We shall never
forget you. I am sure Father
Cuniberti has told you
Blake left us Christmas Day
at 8:40 p.m. Mrs. G. Braginitoff
son & Mark

Ray

Dear Father Ellacuria.

I am a friend of Doctor Dooley, the medical man who has established hospitals in Laos. He, as you may know, has established Medico and I am enclosing one of their reports which explains the work.

Doctor Dooley has cancer and is at this moment in Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York undergoing treatment - He is not being given any encouragement by medical men, but if it is God's Will he can and will be cured - Would you please pray that he be given the graces to do God's Will and the added graces

to see what God wishes him to do.
Am begging for prayers for him.
The above is my prayer. It may
be inadequate and you may
have another - What ever - Father -
please pray for him -

Mrs Karen Stewart and
Sharon Meyer have written me
and both spoke of your holiness
and power of concentrated
prayer - Please do pray the
Doctor - My prayers are from
the heart but they are very very
human prayers.

Thank you and God love
you - Mary watch over you -

Norma Jensen

Dear Father

Here is the story of our
Padre Pio of Italia,

I have wondered when some
thing drastic would happen, the
evil one could not change our
Padre Pio, so he incites fanatics
to these wild actions, and the
crooks to vicious deeds, trying
to get him removed from the
public where he has done so
much good.

I have named him in my
morning and evening prayers
for years, asking ^{for} his protection
from harm and evil, also I've
added your name, for your intentions
I am so happy to have the
poor Soul rosary, and I use

the St. Anthony Mary Clarett
prayer daily for help for my eyes
my daughter feared she might
have cancer as my husband
and son both died of it, my
son last march, I gave her
my relic prayer, could I have
another, she had tests and they
said there was no sign of the
decrease now.

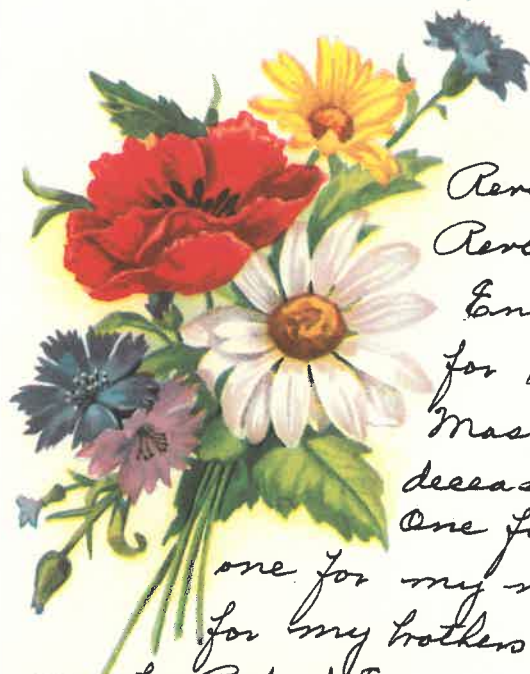
I'm ordering a poor soul
rosary for a very spiritual
friend.

And here's 1.00 as a token
for poor souls.
please remember my eye
eye trouble,
sincerely and respectfully

MARIAN FRANCES RILEY
2815 VAQUERO AVE.
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Dear Father:

I have Requested 5 more Masses in
behalf of Patty Mc Cormick. She goes into
surgery tomorrow (Wednesday). Your masses
in the past have helped her very much
and she asked me to have you pray especially
for her to overcome a tremendous temptation
in wrong eating habits. She is 15 and has
a weight problem which means so much
in her work. She was given the picture you
prayed for her to have before and now she
has another one that she would love to do
if it is God's will. She would love for you to
pray again about this as she puts it into
God's hands. Please pray for her complete
recovery too as she and her mother have had
health problems recently that have been serious.
Thank you. Anne Ancheta.



J. M. J.

Mt. St. Joseph's Home
2601 Ridge
Kansas City, Kansas

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria -
Reverend and dear Father:

Enclosed please find check
for seven dollars (\$7⁰⁰) as
Mass stipends for the following
deceased.

One for my father, Thomas J.,
one for my mother, Eunice J., one
for my brothers Arthur J., one for Walter J.,
one for Robert E., one for Oliver H., and one
Mass for the soul of Reverend Joseph Burtage.
May they all rest in peace.

Father, May I ask you to remember a couple
of my intentions in your Masses and prayers,
as I know your prayers are always answered.

May the Infant Jesus bestow many
graces upon you and your Community.
In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Gratefully,

Sister Mary Eunice

ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET MISSION GUILD

April 1961	\$61.00
May	78.00
June	65.00
July	74.00
August	51.00
September	66.00
October	83.00
November	56.00
December	86.00
January 1962	<u>65.00</u>
TOTAL	\$685.00

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I would like Father De Grandis to read this letter. I was very sorry not to be able to see him on his return to Japan.

Now, dear Father Sarasqueta, continue praying for us so that we also will be counted as Missionaries by the Divine Master on the day of our reckoning.

My best regards to all of the Fathers and Brothers, particularly to Father Briskey and Father Lenrise whom I admitted to the Congregation and I was their Prefect when they were postulants and students.

Most fraternally in Corde Matris,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

FA:rf
Enc.

Mrs. Roy York
17331 Raymer St.
Northridge, Calif.

Monday

Dear Father:

My New Year Resolutions included receiving your blessing every Sunday when I am able.

Next weekend I am making a retreat and the following Sunday (Feb. 19th) I will be invested as a Benedictine Oblate during the course of a day of recollection.

I am not sure just when the day of recollection will be concluded; however, if you are still receiving people when it is, may I ask for your

particularly fervent blessing on that day?

I am not undertaking this step without very prayerful consideration as it seems rather hopeless to aspire to personal sanctity when I am not able, by the example of my life, to persuade my family to Catholicism. I therefore feel a tremendous need for your blessing on this, to me, important day.

You are a very Rock of Gibraltar to me, Father, and I am more grateful than I can say.

Sincerely in Our Lady,
Doric

Cremins ---look deep into my soul---see the pride, impurity, hatefulness and all that lies there and tell him. I give him permission to now and in the future to reveal anything and everything I have ever confessed. to him.

Friday starts our public Adoration Program from after 6:30 mass until after evening Holy Hour with Exposition. God has allowed me to help Him in this. We have about 69 permanent Sentinels besides the public now. Others prayers and masses have made it successful so far, and without your good prayers and blessings what could I do for God? I am a paradox. I feel I am living the kind of life I am not---but maybe someday I will sub merge into what I should be. I am willing to suffer if only it were doing good, but that is the suffering ----the insecurity of not knowing.

God bless you Father. You are in my prayers which haven't been good lately. It took me 25 years to find you. The Blessed Mother gave you to me, so please pray for me.

Sincerely,

Katherine Morrow



O MY JESUS
I TRUST IN THEE

Mrs. Herbert R. Morrow
1885 Westwood Place
Pomona, California

Dear Father Aloysius:

Today I got the grace to phone you and intended to ask for your blessing. I need it so, and am ashamed to ask it, when you gave me such a good one a week ago Sunday. Perhaps you could see that I would commit sins afterward and it hurt you. That I would love myself more than God. I am tired physically and spiritually. Will you kindly pray that God will give me a miracle of grace as he did the sinner whom Father Mateo asked the little nine year old girl to ask Jesus (who spoke to her after Communion) to convert, and He did just that--ask Him to give me grace that I cannot turn away from. Also that I will understand and be able to figure things out for myself and do good, if it be God's will.

I hope to be into your mass First Fri. I intend to try and go to confession properly to Father Cremins Thurs. First Sat. I will be down at Mary's and Ray's Open House for the office, so I will have to miss your wonderful talk and blessing.

Father, I give you permission any time and every time to reveal anything you can to Father over please

Dear Father Maycine,

I was unable to bring Mary Lynn to Los Angeles today to receive your blessing because Bob was sent to New York City by his employer on business.

Please remember her in your prayers. I know that Almighty God will let Mary Lynn see because of your prayers.

I want to thank you with all my heart for everything. I hope to see you next Sunday.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Helen Clanton
1461 Souders
Fullerton, Calif.

J. M. J. T.

Praise be to Jesus and Mary
Reverend and dear Father Alsyms

You will be surprised to hear
that another small pilgrimage is
on its way to visit you. Sister Lucy
and Sister Rose are in need of your
blessing. The doctor has ordered
Sister Lucy to return to the hospital
for shock treatments as she is
most anxious and depressed. Last
night she began a novena to St. Anthony
Mary Claret and placed a relic under
her pillow. I feel that you can do
something for her, dear Father.

S. Rose is somewhat like Sr.
Lucy but younger and given to carrying
a chip on her shoulder. People are
doing things against her, so she thinks.
She had shock treatment last summer
and is really much better; sister
teaches at Holy Child and enjoys it.

I hope that you will not be
displeased; but Sr. Lucy was in such torture
at the thought of more treatment. God
reward you, dear Father. Sincerely yours,
Mother Celine



Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese
Villa Teresa
1300 Classen Drive
Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma

Wednesday

Praise be to Jesus and Mary
Reverend and dear Father Alopin,
I hope that you are not tired
out but have taken some well
deserved rest.

S. Consuela sends her greetings
to you. When I returned I found a
very sick little girl. The reports
were bad and they feared surgery
had to be performed on both sides;
and this was only a slim chance.
The doctors gave no hope but asked
for her parents to come. After
placing our relic of dear S. Anthony
Claret on her and blessing her head,
the next morning she felt much
better and had slept for the first
night since became ill.

On the following morning, Sister went up for another x-ray since the first one was so imperfect. The side which they feared to be almost beyond repair, was normal. Now, they will take Sister to surgery tomorrow a.m. and tie off this blood vessel in her neck and avoid brain surgery. Oh thank you, so very much dear Father. I don't know whether you or St. Anthony Claret is spoiling our sisters, but I rejoice over it.

Before leaving Fresno, a Trappist priest said a Holy Mass for you this, having Masses said is the best that I can give to you, my dearest Father.

Thank you for keeping all of us in your prayers and may we all become pleasing in the sight of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Mother Celie

P. S. Sr. Gertrude has a different outlook and is a changed person - so say the older nuns at St. Anthony's.

Holy Name of Mary Church

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FATHERS OF THE SACRED HEARTS

RECTORY:

1820 PALOMARES STREET
LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA

724 BONITA AVENUE, SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA

Dear Father,

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Levy, your friends
have requested that I celebrate Holy Mass
for your intentions. I will do so as soon as
possible.

You might recall that you once blessed an
old Crucifix for a lady by the name of Fibrend.
She later helped me at Pacific State
Hospital with Catechism, and gave me the
Crucifix. She lives now in Madison, Wisconsin.
I have blessed some of my patients with the
Crucifix. I am now no longer Chaplain there,
but Pastor here.

Please recall all spiritual and temporal
needs of our people here in your prayers.

Sincerely in the Sacred Hearts,

Fr. Raymond Mahoney S.S.C.

\$ 30.00 check.

Dear Father Aloysius;

Hope you are well, we are all fine, Bill is just recovering from a nasal operation, it was successful and Bill feels much better for having it.

am enclosing a check for \$30.00 and ask once again if you will have one of the Father's say the Gregorian masses, - 30 masses for the soul of my Mother Amanda, A. Casler, would

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like them during the
month of May, if possible
if not whenever is
convenient.

Father, please
remember our very
special intention in
your prayers. Thank you.

Sincerely
Helen Hawkes

March 28, 1961

20651 Carniel Ave.
Saratoga, Calif

The Harvest Office,
112 East 86th Street,
New York 28, N.Y.

Dear subscriber and member of my Harvest Family,

A warm word of thanks for your kind interest in the Harvest-I am indeed most grateful to you. You are among our very best friends. In return, I just wish I could do something for you. We'll pray daily for all your intentions-for the family, living and departed.

sincerely in Christ,

Sister M. Stanislaus,
Editor of the Harvest.

Helpers of the Holy Souls.

Dear Father, Our notice should not have been sent to you. We shall be glad to send you the Harvest complimentary. Thanks again Sister

Sunday

Dear Father Aloysius —

attached is check covering

Perpetual Mass League
memberships for Mrs Donaldson
about whom I talked
with you today.

We will send her one
of the mass forms signed
by you. (some time ago).

I thank you Father
for all the comfort your
prayers bring to our
Orange Guild. I feel so
unworthy to be working
with you, but when
wonderful women like
Ida Gillespie call and tell

as the Guild, as it is
set up, is so badly
needed. Many of our
"saintly" women, many
who are too busy helping
others, teaching others, etc
to come on Saturday,
tell me we are doing a
wonderful work. I
hope so, but we have much
need to grow. I must
find some way to contact
the ill and troubled as
they are hurt when the
Claretian Guild forgets
them — that is where I
fall down as President.
I thank you again

me of the comfort and dependence many people have for our Guild it encourages me to try to be worthy.

Mrs Janet Miller - one of the more saintly of our Legion of Mary workers told Mrs. Gillespie she has always been reluctant to join the Guild, but if I were to be President she would. I know what she means - not that I am good President material but she knows the Guild will not become a "Social" organization under my direction - I sincerely pray it never does Father

Dear Father Aloysius,
and may I someday
be worthy to work
with you.

Sincerely

Grace Steffy

Any suggestions you
may make regarding
our Guild will be
most welcome.

J. M. J.

Rev. dear Father Cloyne,

Enclosed is an offering for a holy mass at your convenience for John O'Brien. I sent a sympathy card to the family. This should have been taken care of before but I do find it difficult to send an offering and I feel I should.

I was so very grateful that you looked me up at Dominguez - and gave me your blessing. It was a hard day for me but I'm glad I made the sacrifice and could be with Jimmy and his family. Some time I will make an effort to go to Clareville it is not so far.

It has not been possible for me to send more offerings for boys studying for the priesthood as I had intended. Maybe sometime in the future I can begin again. I do hope so.

God has given me many blessings since

coming here. I have no time during the day to go to myself for prayer or spiritual reading but there is daily mass and the precious moments after Holy Communion. Yesterday the car stopped a mile from home when on my way to mass. I turned my steps homeward with tears in my eyes - then I remembered I could at least make a spiritual communion. I did and in a few moments - Father, I'm sure you know how it was - all filled with warmth and heavenly perfume just like a real communion with the real presence of the Christ Himself. The day was just as beautiful as if I'd been present at Holy Mass. I looked at my watch - it was Communion time at Church, about seven minutes past seven.

I'm so grateful too for the suffering I am experiencing since two or three weeks before the Advent Season because I know it is His will. Sometimes, Father when it's severe I do complain yet when I do not suffer I am unhappy. All the wounds of the Passion I experience - and there was a few weeks I could scarcely put one foot flat when walking. Just now it's higher on one side of the ankle. O yes now Father and a happy Holy Christmas. Thank you for your prayers and I pray daily for you and all & for those, Mrs. Schmid & son.

Dear Sister Mary Midridia,

Your beautiful Christmas card has arrived and given me special joy. It has always been so good to receive letters and cards from my Spiritual Sister.

Dearest sister, I still picture you going through the corridors of St. Agnes Hospital at Fresno during the summer of 1935, but above all, picture you praying so devoutly in the chapel. Twenty-five years have elapsed since that time, but it seems to me as though it were just like this last summer. During these years, I know you have prayed for me as I have experienced right along the answer of your prayers. It has been one of my greatest spiritual highlights to have you as my real spiritual sisters. I have been privileged as a priest to pray constantly to Almighty God for you and to thank Him for all the graces He has bestowed on you. God loves you very much and has drawn you so close to Him.

When Our Lord takes you to Heaven, continue praying from there, since there your prayers shall be much more powerful than on earth and God will show you my many needs. -~~May~~

May the Infant Jesus, whom you have always loved so much, be your superabundant joy forevermore.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart of Our
Blessed Mother,
Your spiritual brother,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Dear Father Aloysius,

Our heartfelt gratitude to you for the great privilege we had in being present at the Mass for our Father. It was the most beautiful Mass we ever attended.

He could not attend the Mass on Saturday, as we were driving

our sister Maryrie to the Airport
at that time! I have written
Sister Ann Raymond to thank
her.

Father, will you please offer a
Christmas Mass for Sister Ann
Raymond, as my gift to her.
Nothing would please her more.
The offering is enclosed. I
have included her name,
and that of Sister Mary
Linos in the Oblation
Book of Masses for Christmas,
also, as well as others.

Gertrude Halsh is so grateful
for your great kindness to
her nephew.

It can never thank you
enough for your prayers and
all you have done for us.

Very sincerely

Emma Luigley -

Los Angeles, California, Enero de 1961.

Muy querido y respetado Padre:

Queremos saludarlo por el nuevo año y
desearle que esté gozando de completa
salud como se lo hemos pedido a Dios.
Estoy haciendo una novena al Santo Padre
Claret por su niña, Padre, estuvo enferma
ta con una bronquitis ligera, su primera.
Pero se la vió muy mejorada. Papá tampoco
estaba muy bien y anoche habló que se
está restableciendo, bendito sea Dios, y por Usted.
Tuvinos una visita de lo más amena
allá en miéiis viendo a miá Papá, a los
hermanos y sobrinos, amen de tíos y demás
durante las fiestas navideñas, fue un
gran favor del Cielo el concedérselo.
Tuve la dicha de hacer una visita a

Nuestra Madre Señora de Guadalupe y ahí
encomendé mucho la persona de Usted y le
pedí le concediera que La llegue Usted
a visitar pronto. Que Dios se lo conceda.

Visitamos igualmente a mi hermana
Sor Dolores de la Cruz, a quien le
hablé mucho de Usted; le mandé decir
que es su apostolado de ellas el pedir
especialmente por los sacerdotes, pues Ue-
sted tienen tanto que hacer en un mun-
do como el de hoy. Que ella veía y recomen-
daría la persona de Usted a la Comunidad.
Todas las Madres se encontraron con su
niña Claret, Padre, pues con toda se iba,
y así pusieron su nombre en la dona pa-
ra pedir por ella, su vocación, donde fuera,
pero que sea causa de la salvación de muchos.
Como Usted nos hizo el favor de bendecirlos,
siempre recordándolos con carino con cuanto
lo consolen, quedo como servidora M. Elena Haase.

J. M. J.

Dear Father Augustus,

Will you please have
a Mass. for our mother's
health? She is suffering
from mental depression
and becomes physically
ill because of it.

My sister Mrs Ben Aaron
and I want to bring
her to you for your
blessing, but family
problems seem to stop
us. Maybe we will be
able to bring her soon.

May God Bless You Father,
Sincerely,
Mrs. Cannon

Rev. Father Aloysius Elacuris C.W.P.

Mrs Lucy Guerin de Boer

My Cousin has told me about
you & all your Blessings.

I've been wanting to write
to you & ask you to say a mass
for my husband. Placid L. Samuels
years ago. he was an alcoholic
& we sent him to a hospital, &
for quite a few years he didn't
touch a drink until now
recently & I'm afraid he is headed
for the same way. He is a very
fine & respected man & we have
a wonderful family of six
5 girls & one boy all married
but one his children love him
dearly but I'm afraid if he starts
this all over they will have respect
for him. I want you
to please pray for his safety

+ That he may return to the
Sacraments I know that the
only thing that will help him
will be prayers.

Am enclosing \$1.00 for the
Mass.

Thanking you.
Mrs Placido L Sanchez Sr
527 W. Nat.
Las Vegas N Mex

Dear Father Aloysius!

Please forgive me; I'm late with
our Christmas, and new-year good
wishes; but I did misplace your address,
and I did not want to ask, any one
for it. I did find it now; so I will
mail it. I wish I can mail personally.
I never forgotten a time, when I was
there, and you was talking to me.

May God Bless you; and blessing all
of us in his love; Please pray for me.
May God be mercy up on me; and lett
me love him; and always do, what ever
he want me to do; and lett me stay close
to him, in the Blessed Sacrament; and
lett me love a very much, our dear Mother
Mary & St. Joseph. for that pray for me; and then
all that love, I can offer for the Fallen & every
Catholic, the Sufferers & Persecuted People, the Sinners
the Church unity, and Missionaries all over the world,
also for a souls in purgatory, Dear Father I ask you help
you a very good Friend of the Good Lord; Forgive me
I write a march, as you can see it. I write a thank



Lackland Military Training Center

. . . . Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

There has not been any word on my appointment to officer's school as yet. They say it may take two weeks to six months before I receive my appointment and start in officer's school. I am of course praying that it will come as soon as possible. It will surely come in God's good time.

My address is as shown on the envelope. If you speak with Mr. Levy, please tell him how much I appreciated his effort for me. I must take a detail over to the mess hall for some of our questionable Air Force chow. I am remembering you in my prayers as I know you are doing for me. I hope that you are well, Father.

Truly yours,
Bob Luckenbach

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Humacur, Paraguay Febrero 1961 -

Rdo. Father Holy sins Chacuria C. M. F.
1119 Westchester Place

Los Angeles 19. California -

My distinguished Father Holy sins:

En mi largo viaje por Sud América lo he recordado muy especialmente, agradeciendo, por su intermedio, la asistencia de la Santísima Providencia en cuanto a la molestia que aun fue (muy disminuida), siento en mi persona y fuerza. Mi hijo ya de vuelta a los Angeles y con la gracia de Dios, también ya volveré antes de Pascua. Entonces tendré el gran gusto de saludarlo. Le deseo que tenga presente en sus oraciones pues mucho los necesito. Los problemas son muchos y en la época actual

Nada es fácil. Pases los días pasados en los Angeles
a la distancia la ves engrandecida y llena de inquietudes
agradables a mi espíritu.

Si no le causa mucha molestia, ¿
puede llamar por teléfono al Consulado del Paraguay.

W.E. 56683. ¿platicar con mi hija Gretel, que Ud. ya
la conoce, me daría mucho gusto. En este momento ella
está sola, con su padre - y quizá debatiéndose con problemas senti-
mentales que en su mente juvenil (18 años), se agrandan y cobran
un valor mayor del que tienen - un buen consejo de un valor
incalculable - se lo agradeceré infinitamente. Puede también conversar
con mi esposo Harold V. Hedger que también necesita de guía y consuelo por
tanto tiempo de soledad, provocada por las circunstancias de su trabajo.
Altamente agradecida y en comunión de oraciones ruego, pido que su
bendición me lleve hasta Sud América. Hasta la vuelta, acepta un saludo
respetuoso y lleno de reconocimiento por tanto hijo.

J. C. Hedger
Consul del Paraguay en los Angeles



466 East Mariposa Street Altadena, California 8-9951 Sycamore ~~Altadena~~

Dear Father Aloysius:

Do you recall 2 years ago when Baroness Elisabeth Guttenberg came you talked to her and to us about starting something like her work in California... she felt it was a bit too premature..

I personally have seen the miraculous improvement and ability of her women the marvelous growth...the spirit of her 500 women who in 5 years have been faithful to an ideal..the service of their fellow man by going into the home and working for sick mothers..destitute children etc.etc..

Personally I am vitally concerned about youth..when you hear that 48 % of all crime in Los Angeles county is carried on by children from 14 to 18 one shudders..Rita and I took our 3 youngest adopted daughters to Europe 2 years ago when a nun suggested we have a 14 year old taken to UCLA psychiatric clinics..because the child on moving to a new school..did not like it the first 4 weeks...A nun told our 13 year old we were old fashioned and she should be permitted to go out alone with boys and have her dates..as did all other normal American children..we just packed them up took them to Austria to the Sacred Heart convent..where my own sister is Treasurer and today they are blue ribbons and heads of their class..

I feel that...we have nothing..nothing for the girls..who dont fit into college.. we dont keep our youth busy enough
Even dont make the wonderful things of life... interesting enough
We have personally brought to this country 200 people found scholarships for 145 of these not one has gone astray..(thank God)
of this youth we have demanded a lot..but not more than we have given..
they must learn to cook-
to sew..
to take care of animals..
to run a car...
to know how to travel..and for this we take them places...

WE DO NOT GO TO MOVIES..

TELEVISION IS CONTROLLED to News and once a week to a good movie..and when that movie is over...the television is turned off...

In Rome..an American nun is running a Girls Village...for difficult children..
I feel that it is high time we had something of this sort...where there is no stigma and not like the Good Shepherd where they ask tremendous sums of money.

I have a friend who was asked to pay the nuns \$145.00 a month and I dont think it is right..they did not have the money but the girl had gotten into trouble..

I am leaving for Europe for 8 months and when I return would like to



466 East Mariposa Street * Altadena, California * Sycamore ~~6664~~

start something of this sort on a small scale..cooking..caring for babies..
mixing our good girls with girls liable to get into trouble...a sort of voluntary
thing...

BARONESS GUTTENBERG arrives tonight and I would so like to see you..
now Sunday I am going to be tied up with some 70 of our former children who are now
married and bringing their babies to see the Baroness..

Would it be possible for you to get away on Saturday to come here for a few hours to
talk things over...I would be ...very..very..grateful...if you wanted to and could
not get here I can send someone to pick you up...

At the same time... We have no one to whom we can talk about all of
this..and through your aid we might start the ball rolling..so that we can
get more vital information....

Please let me know..will you our telephone is
SYCAMORE 8-9951

Begging a blessing on us-our household and our work..
Respectfully,,

Marcel Benziger



Thank You

Dear Fr. A. Ellacuria, C.M.F.

It is gratifying to realize
so worthy Claretian as you
remember me at my birthday.

My feelings toward you are
expressed fittingly by the
message printed on this card.

I will be a few more days at
The Little Company of Mary
Hospital. I feel now much better
than I have felt for years.

P. S. I will remember all your
requests. Our Fr. Provincial
now Assistant and Consultor
General will be with us about
one month.

Thank you! Father
May The Virgin's Love
Unto your heart be given
Because your kindness
makes this world
A brighter place to live in.

Mariano Hilago, C.M.F.

Dear Father Olopin,

It is with a deep feeling
of gratitude that I write this letter
to offer sincere thanks to you
for the many kindnesses shown
to my family and especially
to our dear Anthony during his

Dear Father Alouyous

I hope you enjoy
the St Joseph food from
my table, I am so sorry
I couldn't come to see
you, but I hope you
will pray for me and
especially for my sister
whom I am taking care
of and is sick with cancer
I would like a mass said
to Saint Anthony Claret
in thanksgiving and one
in petition, keep the rest
of the money for yourself

Father, and please don't
forget me in your
prayers, I will try to
telephone you very soon

Thank you
so much

Mrs Frances Beger

Was it a coincidence when I recently read about St. Catherine of Alexandria having been buried on Mt. Sinai and the fact that my wife "Catherine" had been working on the hill at "Mt. Sinai" Hospital for many years and that she was born on the feast of St. Alexander. At first I thought so, but after viewing all the important dates, places and related events of my life it now appears another force had been at work in some mysterious way.

The principal names, dates and places of my immediate family are:

Eugene R. Stephenson,	born Mar. 7, 1918,	San Francisco
(Wife) Anna C. Stephenson,	" Mar. 20, 1920,	Webster City, Iowa
(Son) Richard P. Stephenson,	" May 8, 1947,	Huntington Park, Calif.
(Son) Michael C. Stephenson,	" Sep. 24, 1949,	" " "
(Sister) Barbara Ann Stephenson,	"	Los Angeles, Calif.
Married April 24, 1945		
Baptized Sept. 2, 1950		

It is to be observed my sister's name was Barbara Ann and I was born in San Francisco, and by odd coincidence I met my wife, whose first name is Anna, in the City of Santa Barbara in the Saint Francis Hospital. My son, Michael, received his first Holy Communion on the same day as my wife received her first Holy Communion exactly 30 years later. My son, Richard, received his First Communion April 24, 1955, or exactly ten years later on our wedding day. I was baptized on September 2nd, "The Feast of St. Stephen", a name which everyone has applied to me all my life rather than my first name. I received my First Communion September 3, 1950, the Feast of St. Pius X "The Pope of Holy Eucharist" and I am a daily communicant.

Since my entrance into the Church I have endeavored to gain as many plenary indulgences possible and the principal means I have used to earn these is by enrollment into scapulars, confraternities and pious associations. Oddly enough nearly all of the important events of my life are associated with confraternities. First, I was born in the City of St. Francis (San Francisco) and there is a Confraternity of the Third Order of St. Francis. My birthday, March 7th, is the feast day of St. Thomas Aquinas and there is the Confraternity of the Cord of St. Thomas.

My wife's first name and my sister's second name are Ann and there is a Confraternity in honor of St. Anne. One of my son's was born on the "Feast of St. Michael" and the other bears the name of Michael; there is a Confraternity of St. Michael. My other son was born on the Feast of Our Lady of Ransom and there is a Confraternity by that name. My sister was born on the Feast of St. Raphael the Archangel in the City of Our Lady Queen of Angels (Los Angeles) and there is a Confraternity by the same name. I have attended the Church, Our Lady Help of Christians nearly every weekday for 10 years and there is a Confraternity by that title. St. Augustine, the principal Saint of the Confraternity of Our Mother of Good Counsel was 32 years old when he entered the Church and I am a member of that Confraternity and was 32 when I entered the Church. My Father was born

on December 18th, the Feast of the Queen of All Hearts and I am also a member of a Confraternity bearing that title.

I was enrolled on my birthday in the Pious Union of St. Anthony and in the Confraternity of Our Lady of Zion on the first anniversary of my wife's Mother's death. I was confirmed November 28, 1951, the Feast of St. Catherine Laboure. This Saint received the Miraculous Medal from the Mother of God and, of course, there is a Confraternity established in honor of the event. My wife and I were both born in March the month dedicated to St. Joseph and there are confraternities in his honor. My two sons were born in the two months dedicated to Mary and there are many Confraternities in her honor. My wife and I were married on April 24th, the Feast of the Good Thief, the person who received the first recorded Plenary Indulgence from Almighty God himself.

Now the significance of these events which occurred over a wide range of years were never considered by myself until recently and in most instances were controlled by others.

Jan 1961

Dear Father Aloysius,

This is my third letter Father.
I realize they are close together and
I hope I'm not making a pest of
myself. But at the same time, when
I start thinking that through you, a
man may live and I may be helped
with a problem, I get very anxious.

I have heard of you Father through
the Carmelite Sisters at La Sierra
and through my mother Mrs. Roy (Ethel)
Davis who you helped and who
teaches with the Sisters at Queen
of Angels School in La Sierra.

I wrote to you about my Father-
in-law, Mr. Howard Higgins who
lives in Brooklyn, New York.

He has Cancer of the liver and
the doctors can do nothing for him.
They can't give any definite time
as to how long he will live. The
operation has shortened his time.

He's a Catholic and a wonderful man with seven children. It was left up to the family whether he should be told that he is going to die, and they decided not to tell him. Some of us don't agree for religious reasons for even at the end, they are going to put him off with different things.

Father of course, will only be done through prayer, but my husband and I believe strongly in prayer. So we are turning to you Father at this most unhappy and desperate time, and are asking for your kind help, which we feel certain you will give.

If you must see him, then somehow with the help of God, we will bring him to you.

I also want to ask your help with a personal problem concerning myself.

First of all Father, I want you to know that I am very thankful to Our Lord for all He has given me. But I am asking this of Him because I feel it is very important to our marriage and happiness.

I am 28 and we have a baby daughter. My problem is being extremely small chested.

Father I don't know how to start explaining this problem & how it affects me, but I'll try.

The main thing is how it affects my personality and self assurance. I have such an inferiority complex and feel so embarrassed about it that it is hurting our marriage too often.

Other feeling also are involved. It's so natural for other women to feel superior right off.

I can't seem to feel equal in anything I do and it is

Causing me much unhappiness and will continue to do so unless you will help me and asks God's mercy in changing me enough.

I feel certain that if God will grant me this, it will help me in so many other things too.

I, of course, can't explain in words how important this is, but I hope you can understand my feelings and help me.

Father I would be very happy to come and see you if you would like.

I will continue to pray for an answer and thank you Father for your time.

Mrs Robert (Betty) Higgins
414 N. Baltimore
Monterey Park, Calif.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

1016 WEST MANCHESTER AVE.

LOS ANGELES 44, CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE PLEASANT 3-6157

Jan. 1, 1961

Dear Fr. Aloysius,

I would appreciate greatly
your seeing the bearer of this
note, Mr. Henry Michel, and his
wife today at your convenience.

I am sure that your counseling
& prayers can do him a great
deal of good.

Yours in Christ.

E. B. McCarthy

1-2-61

Dear Father Aloysius,

Thank you so much for accepting the Masses to be said and sending the Mass cards. This is still the greatest gift of all and so deeply appreciated.

May you enjoy good health in the new year enabling you to reach many many souls in your great work!

Gratefully, Marie MacDonald

Gallup, New Mexico
January 3, 1961

Rev. Aloysius, C.F.M.,
1119 West Chester Place
Los Angeles 7, California.

Dear Father Aloysius:

I visited Mrs. Marianita Remaly at the St. Vincent's Hospital in Santa Fe recently and she underwent a very serious operation for a ruptured appendix. She looked bad and weak on January 1 when I visited her for the second time before returning to Gallup and she asked me to write to you asking that you kindly remember her in your fervent prayers.

Howard, her son, works at that Hospital so he is very close to her in case of an emergency.

When praying for Mrs. Remaly, father, please also give me an intention in your prayers which I so much need.

Sincerely,

Eulalia Aguilar
Eulalia Aguilar
610½ E Mesa Avenue
Gallup, New Mexico

P. S .

Should you like to write to Mrs. Remaly all that is needed is St. Vincent's Hospital, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Jan. 3, 1961



Dear Father Aloysius
I am Thirified
Prisk and a Guild
member. My sons
Thomas and Gerald
Prisk visited you

before they entered the Trappist
Monastery, Utah in 1960

Father, I have a brother
56 years old at the Sacred Heart
Hospital, Spokane, Wash. where
he was operated on Dec. 23-1960
Today we heard he has cancer
of the brain and if he is unable
to stand the treatments he has
only a few months to live.

We need your prayers
Father, Please offer your
Masses for him.

His name is Richard Sawyer
Most Respectfully W. Prisk

Mindel Park, Calif..

Jan. 3, '61.

Dear Father Aloysius,

As I told you I was
planning to come down
in early January and
if convenient for you -
would love you baptize
me.

My plans now are to
drive down from here on
Thursday the 12th, then
contact you Friday and
maybe you could take
care of me on Friday
or Saturday.

My daughter and a friend
will be with me and I can
come there or wherever you
say. If possible and times
permits, I think either
Celine may drive over
from La Sierra - near
Riverside.

Would you let me know
if Friday or Saturday
afternoon would be
convenient for you.

Thanking you

Sincerely

Martha F. King

1023 Noel Dr. Apt 2.
Menlo Park
Calif..

Hear Father Aloysius!! 3/4/

I am sure your poor ears
ring with people's trouble,
so I am not going to tell you
mine take a tablet to explain
it all.

Geo ~~He~~ has a good heart and
does want to shake the
drinking habit and get home
to his family.

Came here and cried and
prayed wondering if his wife
would take him back she
will and told him so but
he must make the man
he use to be. I could not see
him was sick in bed so
he called Tuis to see if I
would see him, I said tell
him yes he came and to his
dying day he sure will hear
the cries of a Mother he
told my Sister it was
all he needed, to tell me he
would be home ~~and~~ full a
man I could be proud of.
nearly all the workers in
the Riving Brothers Circu

like him he has been Circus
Crazy since a tiny boy, and
they performed across the
street - from where we lived
wanted to go with the
Circus years and years ago his
father and I just couldn't
see it: well he has gone
the Veterinary lives some
place around here he went
to see him and he said I
leave tomorrow for can go
with me, he called and told
my sister about it: they
are not allowed to drink
or swear, run in a clean
way have a Priest - to go
along nearly all those
performers are Catholics
I read a book about the
Circus Priest - as Father was
called so all we can do is
pray at last God has
solved our Problem, his
wife is working and we are

doing all possible to help
her. She should of told us
but - didnt - everything was
needed. I was never use
to such and cant - feel -
understand why my other
boys are so different.

I will have mass for Geo
and his family to have a
united Christian home.

Sincerely Yours

Mrs Joe Knolls

I found the enclose prayer
to be powerful at the
end. I say please find the
way for so and so and
present it to the Sacred
Heart

excuse my confused letter
but - truly I was sure in
a bad way. Geo went back
to our old home town
I was so embarrassed and

ashamed he was drinking
and put-in for fifty three
days, but in a way it
did him good not a drop
since. May put him in the
Hospital on Monday he got
home last Friday they
couldn't find one thing
wrong said his Physical
Condition was fine while
hadn't damage his brain
but would in time. he was
ashamed of himself going
back to an old home.
he went to his father's
grave, and seen his old
home that no doubt
brought back fond
memories.

2214 Charywood Ave
Los Angeles 32, Calif.

Jan 3, 1961

Dear Father Aloysius,

I called Sunday evening about a friend, Mrs Julie De Leo at French Hospital Pm 216. One of the Brothers there said you wouldn't be able to leave before Jan 16, but you could give her a blessing from your place, which I really appreciate. She, herself, had been a fallen away Catholic - married outside of Church for a number of years. Just a couple years ago she became separated or divorced (not sure which) from her husband (who came from good Catholic family & he graduated from Catholic College but fallen away & becomes gambler & drunk).

This Julie said she was going back to Church after ridding her husband which I can't say she did or not. The last contact with each other. Couple weeks ago I heard she was in hospital - ready for major surgery & was not allowed calls or visitors, but fortunately I got a call thru to her & inquired if she had had a priest in to see her but she said she hadn't thought of it & wondered if she had to pay & what have you but I pleaded with her to ask for a priest & he would

gladly bring her Communion every morning.
Last Thursday nite she received the Last
Sacraments & have been so critically ill
since. Her liver is too bad & it probably
be a blessing if the Good Lord would take
her since she did have priest in
a few mornings before she became so
critically ill & ^{30 yrs old} he received sacraments.

Her only son, also reared in Catholic
school & College is also married to a
Jewish girl. ^{her} ~~the~~ sisters & brothers are
all fallen away Catholics. It's
really pathetic.

Sunday nite after speaking with one
of your Brothers there (he mentioned
the highly indulgenced Rosary & Sacred
Heart Badges) I took a chance to go down
to hospital with my ^{new} highly indulgenced
Rosary & a brown Scapular blessed by Pope
John I was surprised the nurse let me
in her room. I tried so hard to make
her kiss the cross & get repeating prayers
but I don't think she recognized me
or knew what I was saying. The nurse cut
the scapular string to slip under her neck
& tied it.

Please pray for her & her family.

Please say a mass or have a mass
said. Thank you kindly, Father
Sincerely,
Mrs. Cora Bartlett

DONALD E. BURKE, M. D.
UROLOGY
1245 GLENDON AVENUE
LOS ANGELES 24, CALIFORNIA
—
GRANITE 8-0289

3 Jan '61

Dear Father ELIAHUA:

Just a short note of Thanks
for your very thoughtful present. The
GALLIANO is a Liqueur I had not previously
Tasted --- needless to add IT'S delicious.

My wife joins me in saying Thanks.

I hope the New Year will be a
Pleasant & productive one for YOU -- AND
That it gives you in good health.

If I can ever in the future be of
Service to you I shall cannot it a
Personal favor if you will call on me.
would it be possible for you to come
out some day (at your convenience) for
a follow-up examination - if so, please
call the number above & let us know
when would be a good time for you
Sincerely - Donald Burke



Monastery Precious Blood
11105 100 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

January 4, 1961

When all the world awakes with hope new-born,
The coming of the Christ on Christmas morn,
And every heart with eager rapture glows
To welcome Mary's Son, The Christmas Rose,
When, in our cloister, hearts and voices too,
Ascend in prayer, we shall remember You.

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius,

It was most kind and thoughtful of you to remember our little religious family in this cloister at Christmastime, with that exquisitely lovely Madonna and Child card, and our hearts are deeply touched by your gracious charity. Our souls were already abounding with joy and gratitude for the sacred blessings and the great happiness flowing from the Feast of Heavenly Love, which is Christ's Birthday, when your card with its inspiring enclosures arrived, giving us much additional pleasure. As our verse above tells you, we very gratefully remembered you on Christmas Morn, hoping that you would have a Blessed Christmas, knowing in your heart the Peace of Christ through Mary, His Immaculate Mother.

We rejoiced to receive your leaflet prayers because in addition to our zeal for spreading devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus (our *raison d'être!*), we have at heart also the desire to spread devotion to Mary, Immaculate in her Conception. For this, we often distributed the lovely leaflet prayers of your Claretian Fathers in Chicago, urging consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

At this Christmas season, however, we have been distributing the lately approved Litany of the Precious Blood, rejoicing that our dear Holy Father has during the past year given great impetus to this glorious devotion, urging all to practise and

promote it. We know that you share our joy in the extension of this Litany to the entire Church by Pope John XXIII; and in the inclusion in the Divine Praises of: "Blessed be His Most Precious Blood" - There is such an intimate connection between the Precious Blood and Mary's Immaculate Conception that it seems fitting to practise devotion to both simultaneously.

We are very grateful to our devoted friend, Mrs. Rose Knolls of your city, for "introducing" us to you because we consider it a great privilege to know you. May we humbly ask your blessing on us for this New Year, and a remembrance in your Masses and prayers -- as well as for those for whom we pray. The prayers of a Priest are powerful, and we believe that yours are in a very special way.

Respectfully and gratefully in the Precious Blood,

*The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood
Per: Sister M. St. Pius, R.P.B.*

3156 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

January 5, 1961

Mr. John Haffert
Ave Maria Institute
Washington, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Haffert:

Thank you very much for your Christmas greeting and for your kind invitation to the reunion of Blue Army pilgrims to be held on Sunday, February 26, in Los Angeles. My husband and I will make every effort to join the group.

May we at this time submit to you a request that was sent to us by the Claretian Fathers here in Los Angeles. Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F., Superior of the Western Province of the Claretian Order and a most zealous supporter of the Blue Army, has asked if you would consider publishing the enclosed Perfect Act of Consecration in Soul magazine. This Act of Perfect Consecration is being widely distributed by the Fathers who recommend its daily recitation especially after receiving Holy Communion.

We are certain that you will agree that Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the New Year cannot be stressed enough.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Stella Roch

Encl.

cc: Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Superior, Claretian Fathers
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, Calif.

Dear Father:

It is up to us to pray that Mr. Haffert will publish the Perfect Act of Consecration. God love you!

Stella Roch

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P
Y

3500 Las Palmas Ave.

Glendale 8, Calif.

January 5, 1961

Dear Father Aloysius:

My sister, Catherine Amell, a member of your Guild, is seriously ill, suffering from a heart attack. She asked me to write and tell you and ask for your prayers and the prayers of the Ladies of the Guild Saturday.

Thanking you for your kindness,

Respectfully

Loretta Gattys
Guild member

Saint Anthony Hospital
601 N. W. 9th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 8, 1961

Rev. Father Aloysius
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Rev. Father:

Many thanks for my nice card and letter. I appreciated it so much hearing from you. I also wish to thank you for remembering us in your prayers. The Sister with leukemia is feeling better and is up some now for which we are thankful. She is also in better spirit.

I have been feeling real well, but my only wish is to be ready to go when the Lord calls me.

Our Bishop Reed asked about my trip and he is very interested in Saint Anthony M. Claret.

I received a beautiful statue of St. Anthony M. Claret from Father Robert J. Leuver.

Since Saint Anthony has been so good to me, I am anxious to spread devotion to him, and help to make him better known.

Father, will you please say a Mass for Doctor Starry and myself. The offering was given to us for Masses from a patient, who had Doctor Starry's relic and made a novena to St. A.M.C., so you see we are passing the relic around so all may receive his blessing.

Thanking you Father for all of your kindness and may God bless you and your work.

In the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary...

Gratefully yours,

Sister M. Beatrice

Sister M. Beatrice Merrigan



JMJC+

Jan. 10, 1961

Dear Father Aloysius,
How are you? I hope that
this little note finds you
well. I want to express
my heartfelt thanks for
the beautiful Christmas
card and the relic of St.
Francis Cabrini. Time
surely flies up here by
leaps and bounds. It's
only three weeks now until

I pray for you and all
your family and hope you will
all be happy.

I enter. I'm counting
the minutes and days.

The weather up here is pretty
cold compared to sunny L.A.

On the 21st of this month
all the postulants will take
their veil. That's something
to look forward too. Please
never stop praying for me,
Father. Please pray, that
God may make me a holy nun.
Also please pray for my loved
ones, Sister Joanna, the
Madsens. I can not thank
you enough Father, for what

you have done for me. So
I pray that the Sacred Heart
of Our Lord may reward you
richly.



JMJC+

Jan. 10, 1961

Prayerfully yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Ingrid

Dear Father Aloysius,
How are you? I hope that
this little note finds you
well. I want to express
my heartfelt thanks for
the beautiful Christmas
card and the relic of St.
Francis Cabrini. Time
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leaps and bounds. It's
only three weeks now until

Sidney, Nebr.
January 10, 1961

Dear Father Aloysius -

I received your name and address from a friend who has recently been to you several times to be blessed. Her daughter has the same type of spinal trouble as our little twelve year girl. Since it is impossible for us to visit you in person, we would like some information about St. Anthony and would be so thankful, if you could remember us in your prayers.

We have been to several doctors in the past three years and usually they speak of immediate surgery. While she is in no pain, we are

so in doubt as to whether we should have such delicate surgery, and have been hoping and praying to make the right decision.

Quite unexpectedly this week I also found another lady here that received your blessing several years ago, so I am thankful to find that this may prove to be the special intercession for us. Thank you, Father -

Mrs Leo Gorman
P.O. Box 635
Sidney, Nebr.

January 10, 1961

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Claretian Missionaries

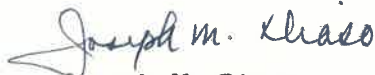
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Father Aloysius:

My son will be home soon for the semester break, and will go back to school January 31, 1961. I am anxious to bring Bruce to you for your blessings. We would stay at the State Rehab Hotel in Santa Monica, and in addition to your Sunday blessing if it would be possible for you to bless Bruce with the Sacred Relic the following day at our hotel room.

May I hear from you by return mail.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Joseph M. Diaso

3927 Kerckhoff Ave.

Fresno 2, California

Live Jesus and Mary!

Sisters of Our Lady of Charity

918 Porter Street

Green Bay, Wisconsin

Christmastide--January 11, 1961

"Sweet Infant Jesus, bless us!"

Rev. Father Aloysius
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles, California

Dear Rev. Father:

Through dear Rev. Mother Celine, of the Little Flower Carmelite Convent of Oklahoma City, I obtained your address.

I am coming to ask your prayers for cures, conversions, etc. God-willing, I am certain that I will not be disappointed in my requests.

Please pray that many young ladies will be inspired to join us. We need more Sisters, many of our Sisters are growing old and they need to be replaced by new members.

Our Monastery is condemned by the Government and we must build. We intend to break ground this spring, again I ask you to please pray that we obtain generous funds to help us pay this heavy debt that we will very soon face.

Please pray for the cure of the following persons:

Mother M. of St. Clotilda, my Superior
Sister M. of St. Catherine
Sister M. of St. John Berchmans (myself)
Sister M. of St. Crescentia
Sister M. of St. Clare; Sister M. of St. Anne
Sister M. of the Divine Heart; for Vida Van Dyck; for Mrs. Laura Brunner

Please pray for the conversion of the following persons:

Mr. and Mrs. Art Riney
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brennan
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Willems
Dr. and Mrs. Junion
For the girls confided to our care
For Larry and Sonny (Sonny is Japanese)

Rev. Father, I recommend myself very specially to your prayers, my one desire is to obtain perfect love for Jesus and Mary, I know if I have perfect love when I die I will go direct to Him. Thank you Father for your prayers. May I make one more request for prayers, to please remember all the members of my deceased family, deceased relatives, deceased friends and our deceased Sisters and deceased Sister Magdalens and Florence. For living relatives and friends.

Please give me your Priestly Blessing, Thank you Father.

I am enclosing a stamped envelope.

Respectfully in union with the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Sister M. of St. John Berchmans

Blessed be God!

420 Grinnell Dr.
Burbank, Calif.
February 12, 1961

Dear Reverend Father:

I had written some time ago asking if you would bless my hearing loss and my failing eyesight. Reverend Mother Celine, superior of the Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese, suggested that I go to see you.

I am staying at the home of a friend in Burbank. We will be able to drive over to see you this Saturday, February 18th. Please write and let me know if you would be able to make an appointment with me for that afternoon.

Asking your prayers,

I am,

Faithfully yours,
Virginia Barhorst

EDWARD S. KOZIOL, M. D.

2010 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES 57, CALIFORNIA
HUBBARD 3-1451

1-12-61

Claretian Fathers
1119 Westchest Pl.
Los Angeles 19, Cal.

Reverend Fathers:

I want to extend a brief note of thanks to the Claretian Fathers for the nice Christmas gift. To date I have not sampled the liqueurs but understand that it is a choice drink.

Your kindness during the Christmas season was deeply appreciated.

I want to wish all of you a happy 1961 season with many blessings.

Sincerely yours,


Edward S. Koziol MD

1/15/61

Dear Father

Will you be so kind
as to say a private prayer
for a very deserving non-
Catholic woman who is suffering
from a blood clot near her
heart. She is sorely needed
by an invalid husband.
Her name Helen Wynne.

also for a job for a
father of 2 with another
baby on the way - my
son William Jr. who is
desperately in need of help.
(He is a Catholic).
I will send an offering as soon as I can
Sincerely Lynne Koehn

J. M. J.

Jan. 15, 1961

Sunday

Dear Father Aloysius Ellencuria:

I am asking you again to remember my Brother Joe Martin who has Cancer of the blood. seems that the cancer went in his left eye. He thanks you for all your kind prayers for him.

Please remember my mother also. He is her youngest.

We all thank you for all your

Blessings & prayers. Father and we all remember you in all of our prayers.

God Bless you

Mrs Mary

Messing
enclose \$5.00 for Mass.



J.M.J

315 So 2 St.
Algona, Iowa
Jan 16, 1961

Claretian Missionaries:
1119 Westchester place
Los Angeles calif

Father Alloysius Ellacunia C.M.F.
Dear Father:

This letter is long over due since
you were so kind to write us in
regard to the Gregorian Masses you
said or offered for our beloved daughter
Gertrude.

After the offering was a gift of
our daughter's former pastor, and
now sent to us by him, I asked
Mrs. Alon to get a truck with
some one that could take care of
the masses for us, which she
so kindly did.

We are back in Father's former
parish now as this is our home.

He has been a real true friend
to our family and a great
consolation in our bereavement.

Our daughter was a patient
suffered with cancer for 6 1/2 years
and not once uttered a word of
complaint, was happy and joyful
and a joy to take care of.

We are happy Father you had
a part in our daughter
passing in the way of offering
the mass.

May God Bless you always

Sincerely

Mrs Mc Donald

JAN 18 61

DEAR FATHER ALLOYSIUS-

THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING MY MOTHER, SISTER
AND I DURING THE HOLY DAYS -- AND MY DADDY WHO PASSED AWAY
JAN. 7 59-

I SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE SPECIAL
SUNDAY I BROUGHT MY DADDY TO YOU AND YOU GAVE HIM YOUR BLESSING--
AND MY DADDY ASK DEAR GOD TO BLESS THE BOYS AT THE SEMINARY-

I NEVER FORGET YOU DEAR FATHER
ALLOYSIUS AND THE WORK YOU HAVE TO DO -- AND THE SICK
WHO COME FOR YOUR BLESSING.

PLEASE SAY A SPECIAL LITTLE PRAYER FOR
MY MOTHER WHO HAD A BAD FALL LAST SEPT - HER BACK STILL
ACHES.- AS IT IS GODS WILL. *your prayers help mother.*

The offering is for your work.

Sincerely in Christ

*Ps I hope this letter finds you in good health.
may God grant you many graces that you need.*

Dear Father Elmaria

January 19, 1961

I have hesitated writing - feeling the religious crucifixes would arrive most any day. Thus far they have not been received and I am wondering if they may have gone astray.

Your kindness, generosity toward me, my family is something for which I am most grateful.

Your Masses and prayers have meant so much to me. I manage to keep well - go about my daily tasks endeavoring to reflect a cheerful attitude toward others, though my heart is still heavy.

It's nice to start each day with Holy Mass & receive our dear Lord. He has been good to me and I hope I can do His Will in my daily conduct.

The enclosed check is for whatever purpose you might deem wise.

Gratefully

August M. Levan

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seen Our Lord, Our Lady & some of the saints, but I can foresee free future events & even persons who will influence me one way or the other. I have seen places where I should eventually go — and lately I have had clear "visions" of my mother's death. Sometimes I experience great peace within me — for example: when I saw Our Lord & Our Lady or some Saint — but many times I'm disturbed. Can these "experiences" come from supernatural sources or are they diabolical or perhaps strictly natural — perhaps fantasies from an overwrought mind? I cannot determine them. Father Raphael Simon, O. S. Cist. of St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer, Massachusetts told me that they were graces from God — but I have always worried about them & doubted them.

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Chicago 46, Ill
Jan. 21 - 1961.

Rev. and Dear Fr. Abagail:-

Forgive me in
delaying so long to thank for the "beautiful"
Christmas gift, the card is the loveliest
we received out of about two hundred.

I think of you so many times
and hope we can see you again
some time, I hope these lines find
you in the best of health.

We are having real winter
weather here at present it is four
degrees above zero - and a little
snow is left on the ground.

at present Joseph, wife and little Joseph
and Jeanne Marie are living upstairs of us.
Joe is a carpenter and things are a

bit slow at present.

Al and I are kind of retired or shall I say tired - Al has applied for his social security since he was 65 in Dec. But he plans on doing some work also - he had to slow down because of a slight heart condition.

We have eight grandsons and eight grand daughters, they are so precious and keep them in your prayers father, so they shall all grow up to be a credit to God and Country.

Mavis who came next to Fr. Albert has 5 boys and 2 girls -

Patricia has 3 girls and 2 boys

Rita has 2 girls and Joseph has 2 boys and 1 girl.

I am still quite active but slowed



down terribly the past year.

There are many things that I want to do such as sewing, quilt making (old fashioned) knitting and many other house hold things - I thank God each day for being so kind to me and the many blessings received from Him. I think Fr. Albert is helping us in more ways than one, I hope God will call many of our offspring in His service. Today is Saturday and I see my bread has raised enough, so I shall just sign off with a Holy and Blessed New Year to you dear Padre - Keep us in your prayer as you shall always be in mine -

With love Albert & Anna Danby



Pray for us!
Thank you
H. H. H. H. H.
you are always in ours!

Jan 21-61

Dear Alloysius -

Thank you for your Holiday greetings, prayers & good wishes. They proved very peaceful & joyfull which we offered to Him. All were well & happy. In 2 weeks, Feb 4, Pierre⁽²⁵⁾ will have his wedding to Miss Dianne Jones.

The purpose of this letter however is chiefly to ask you & your prayers for the coming few weeks. Strange but the business which I thought was closed. When I sent my gratinities has developed serious problems. At first I thought I may get an answer to every ones prayers. I was & we were so happy & grateful. However it has or is turning out very disappointing. We still have hopes all will end well.

We've been offering several novenas since October. Especially to St Rita & St Teresa. Of course Our Lady, Our Merciful Lord, St Anthony, St Jude etc. Even St Mary Culham Clark the laborer.

I have faith in all & particularly in your special endeavor.

Thank you & God Bless you. Will inform you of the results & favour!
Sincerely, H.F. Marlow

Oh yes & more in our daily Prayers!

JMJC
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WASHINGTON 17, D. C.

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LAWRENCE 9-4242

January 28, 1961

Dear Father Aloysius,

It's been a long time since I've had an occasion to write you; but at last I've found one.

I'm in charge of the Perpetual Mass League out here in D.C. for a couple of months and have finally gotten broken in. But one day, a lady came by the house and wanted this "John Gerrety" enrolled in the Purgatorial Society. One of the Fathers here asked me if its the same as the Mass League. The ends seem to be very close; but I'd seen some of these leaflets with you when you were my Novice Master (just a couple of years ago) and didn't know whether or not the Purgatorial Society changed into the Perpetual Mass League, or both different.

So if you can, please help me out of my dilemma as soon as you can.

This person is already enrolled in the Mass League. So if the two are the same, then send me the money back.

If they are different, please enroll John Gerrety from there, sending the money on to Rome, and letting me know that you've done so.

Our class of young priests seem to be working hard and doing their best, although we're still pretty green behind the ears. You know that Jim Maloney has been working in the St. Jude League offices helping Fr. Leuver quite a bit. Word gets to me that he is soing well in that position. Ed O'Malley (the decorator) loves his teaching job in St. Judes, is immensely overworked, but seems

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very happy. Henry Olivares enjoys his very active work up in Perth Amboy on the week-ends besides teaching Latin to the two late vocations we have here in D.C. Joe Peplansky still sleeps well and is buried in a lot of social work at the university and in the Government Offices in D.C. Its all Degree work that He's doing and its hard work. It's not the easy socializing stuff you might think. It's plainly helping the most wretched people out of their trouble.

Louie Olivares finally has his new Office saying down pretty well. Roger ~~and~~ ~~Arnie Hasselwander~~ will soon join Louie in that Priestly duty and ~~both are~~^s very anxious, which is a good sign. Roger still can't believe he's here. Now he knows partly how I felt when it happened to me.

I am happy studying Educational Guidance and going to the parish on the week-ends. I sure have a tough time making sermons. But, then, I didn't try too hard in the seminary to become good at it. So, it's work now, since I didn't then.

I'm beginning to understand very well what it is to be a valueless instrument - made omnipotent in His Hands. He does chose the most wretched to do His work - and He still accomplishes it. I wish these thoughts were real humility, but its too obvious to me (and probably to my old Novice Master) that there's too much stubborn pride in a Roper for that. So, He will be shown through it (me).

Regards to Father Provincial and the other Fathers and Brothers, and especially to Fr. Frank who sent me his regards lately.

Always in Mary's Heart,

P.S. Roger asks
for prayers.....

Bill Roper, Conf.



Glory to the Blood of Jesus!

Monastery Precious Blood

11105-100th Avenue

Edmonton, Alta., Canada

January 30, 1961

Dear Father Aloysius,

Our Mother Mary of the Rosary, and all the Sisters, deeply appreciate your writing us such an encouraging letter regarding our glorious Apostolate of the Precious Blood. It was very gracious of you to do this, and to enclose an offering toward our work in spreading devotion to the Blood of Jesus. We say that it is encouraging to us because, coming as it does so near the beginning of a New Year, it is inspiring to us to know that we commence another twelve months of work for God and the Precious Blood, through Mary Immaculate, with the assistance of the wonderful prayers of a devoted friend in the Priesthood like you, dear Father. We are deeply touched by your interest and your kind words; and above all, by the promise of your continued remembrance of us in prayer.

May we humbly ask your prayers for the beatification of our Venerated Mother Foundress, Mother Catherine Aurelia of the Precious Blood, especially as this is the Centenary Year of our existence as a Religious Congregation. Our Mother Foundress, with the approval and assistance of her Spiritual Director, Monsignor Joseph Sabin Raymond, and the saintly Bishop Joseph LeRocque of St. Hyacinthe, Province of Québec, Canada, founded our Holy Institute of the Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood at that place on September 14, 1861. We know that her heart was touched by the Love of Jesus for us in shedding every drop of His Most Precious Blood for our Salvation; and also by the fact that this Divine Blood seemed to be the most neglected of all the Divine Treasures. To make up to Jesus for this widespread neglect of His Precious Blood, she founded this Congregation of cloistered, contemplative nuns, dedicated to making reparation by a life of prayer and penance. Therefore, the Precious Blood is our *raison d'être*; and our chief work is to spread abroad devotion to this Redeeming Blood. However, since Mary Immaculate is the glorious Source of this Divine Blood, we have what might be called a twin devotion; namely, that of glorifying Mary, Immaculate in her Conception.

We hope, dear Father, that you will overlook the imposition on your time if we have written too much at length about our Holy Institute, but we felt impelled because of your kindness, to do so. We are enclosing also a small booklet which will, in a manner, introduce you to our beloved Congregation. Again, many thanks for your interest, Father, and we shall gratefully remember you in prayer.

Respectfully and gratefully in the Precious Blood,

The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood
By: Sister M. St. Pius, R.P.B.

January 31, 1961

Dear Father,

I was very happy to receive your card at Christmas time, and the note enclosed saying you were praying for me.

Since last October I have been eating. There are things I can't eat and times when I have much difficulty but on the whole much better. I am of course deeply thankful and very relieved. I have tried to rely on God as you said, to the very best of my weak nature.

We are expecting our fourth baby in May and hoping for a girl as we have three little boys.

Thank you for your prayers and please remember us in the future.

very sincerely

Barbara Keane

Kansas City Mo

Feb. 1st 1961

Dear Fr. Aloysius

I am humbly begging
your prayers in these
days of distress for us.
My daughter in law
is very ill over the
loss of her baby.

I am enclosing a stipend
for some Masses. Still
you please say them
for Ann so she recovers
from this anguish
she is suffering over
the loss of her baby.
Also that my son will
retain his health.

Thank you.

I remain

Mrs Christina Merrigan

Mrs. Gino Martinelli
2429 Montrose Avenue
Montrose, California

Feb. 1, 1961

Dear Father Alaysons: -

In thanksgiving for all the
precious favors I have
received from your Blessings
and the Holy Mother of God, I am
having a Mass said for you.

I am very very grateful and
want to tell you that your
blessings have helped my
double vision, and I will
come as often as possible
to your meetings in Burbank.
for your blessings.

I am always begging

prayers for my children and
their spiritual welfare.
I have a daughter Janet
living in San Francisco
who is 26 years old and is
interested in a boy who is
not a Catholic. She is a good
girl and goes to Mass nearly
every day. I beg your prayers
that she will make a wise
choice in a mate. My son
has 5 sweet children.

Sometime in the next two
weeks my husband is going
to the hospital for surgery on a
hernia. These are my little
problems; and I am sure
the good God will help me.

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May God Bless you
and keep you in His
sweet generous arms.

Thank you

Gratefully

Mrs. Anna Martineau

\$1.00 Donation for your
missions,

J. M. J.

February 2nd

Dear Father Alayius —

Enclosed herewith is check
for \$5⁰⁰ for the month of February.

I thank you from the bottom
of my heart for your understanding
and spiritual help. It helps
me every day to see me through
my decisions and problems.

I would appreciate being
remembered in a Mass on Monday
of each week through the month.

Again — thank you for
your kindness —

Gratefully and sincerely —
Ruby Hughes

Feb. 2-61

Dear Fr. Alopius,

I forgive you for taking so many days before sending you an offering & thanking you for offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for our dear friend Gladys Jackson. God in His mercy was pleased with her long suffering & now we know she is at peace with Him. You brought much comfort to her & her family in recent months by your kindness to think & deep consideration of all their problems & they are deeply grateful and I am too.

My sister enjoyed the privilege of such a good visit with you. I am certain it was good for her to talk with you.

Jimmy's brief romance with Myrna Finn, seems to be over. It must be as God wanted it, & he seems resigned. I have prayed so long for him to have the grace to see God's Will for him in what

is best for him, and I feel when
the time is right, we shall all
understand what's right for him. I
know without asking that you
will keep him very specially in
your prayers, and am grateful for
that faith & confidence.

May prayers and gratitude to
you for every thing, always.

Ruth M. Olney

J. M. J.
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February 4, 1961



Dear Father Aloysius,

I want to express to
you my deep gratitude for
the blessed rosary that you
sent me. I will treasure it
always.

Father, for a long
time, I have desired your
blessing. Since it has not
been possible for me to
receive it in person, please

2-6-61

P. Ellacuria

Me dirijo a ud con toda
la fe de buena Catolica
a desirle que padesco de
una enfermedad que los
doctores no a sido posible
encontrarme y me
daria mucho gusto que
ud me echa su bendicion
para aver si por medio
de eso encuentro mi alivio
sin mas su

Servidora

Margarita Vallas Gomez

2707 So. Willow

Fresno 25 California

St. Hedwig Rectory

331 S. Scott St.

South Bend 25, Indiana

February 7, 1961

Dear Father,

May I ask you to offer a Mass for the health of a Miss Cornelia Kusnierek who recently underwent a serious operation and cannot rally back to health. Complications have set in. She has been secretary here for over 30 years and has rendered invaluable service to the parish. Enclosed please find the stipend.

Thank you very kindly.

Sincerely in Christ,

B. Sztuczko C.S.C.

Rev. B. J. Sztuczko, CSC, Pastor

PAUL C. FREEMAN
1331 — 23rd Street
Santa Monica, California

2/8/61.

Dear Father Aloysius,

you remember Patricia Powers
Singer I am sure. Have had
many wonderful letters from
her since she went to Europe,
the last one at hand she asks
if you will be kind enough
to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the
Mass for her intentions, she
seems to be troubled at times
and finds many difficulties to
over come, however the
Graces etc. the Good Lord is
showering her and all whom she
represents are tremendous.
Her troubles seem to be both
Spiritual and Physical at this

tenie, so she feels she needs
help which you can give her.
Hope this finds you well
Father and hope to get up to
see you soon. Office work has
been so heavy, much overtime
and feel it is sapping my
strength but am endeavoring
to carry on until the load is
over.

Thanking you for all past
Blessings & Favours please accept
both Frances's my best regards.

Sincerely

Paul and Frances.

J. M. f.

2/8/61

Dear Father Aloysius, Conf.

Could you start a "Society of Holy Masses," immediately or if not you, someone else "very devout," I have it written on 1st page, just, for James, Cathy + Bud: marked with check ✓.

This is terrible - in this case James - the Landlord seems to be the only decent one in the Apt's.

Cathy + Bud - Live next lot over - they are friends of ours - Very wholesome people - Not Catholics

Now - the Landlord's wife - (James' wife) has been on dope for 7 yrs and now is on heroine - and put away in

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The Lord - fears, someone
will pay them off again and
nothing will become of the Court
case! So Father Peg had that
this filthy mess — ("I haven't
even told you all.") We'll get
in just hands — that God will
see an End to this one Tragedy
that has come to our attention.

This is where this Union of Guild
members come in to pray every
morning in Unison — I really
feel — We are not pushing this
Morning Perpetual Mass Intention
enough — Some people do not even
say it, I know. God Love you, Always
Love their



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1563 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, California
Telephone 9053

Feb 14, 1961

Dear Fr Aloysius:

I hope that you are enjoying good health.

Last month I broke my ankle but I was extremely fortunate in that the break was not serious. I am sorry that I have not been able to get to your service on Sundays. Some day, perhaps I will be able to attend them regularly.

Enclosed you will find \$5. Perhaps you will be able to say a mass for a special intention.

I attribute God's intercession through you that my health is as good as it is today. Also I feel that I have been blessed with spiritual graces. If you find it convenient, I would appreciate having a prayer said for me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gwilym Henderson

Rev. Mother Celine
Villa Teresa
1300 Classen Drive
Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma



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PROVINCIAL HOUSE

February 16, 1962

REPUBLIC 1-9329

Dear Mother Celine:

I have received your letters and have taken care of your Masses, including your letter and Mass request of February 8th.

Congratulations on your foundation in Guatemala. We may have another candidate for your Congregation.

I am going to Phoenix, Arizona tomorrow for my retreat and I request your prayers.

Devotedly in the
Little Flower,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Father Hoyman
Thanks so
much for
your patience,
understanding
and prayers.

Left means
so much to
me since ^{having}
been in your
presence.

Mary Elizabeth
2-19-60

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Barcelona 21-2-1961

Rdo. P.
 Juan Luis Illacuria
 Los Angeles

Mi querido tío:

Todo nosotros estamos bien, me refiero a Joaquín que, ahora está ausente matregando y a mis tres hijitas, Mary Bere, Maria del Mar y Marta. Mis padres (ayer hablé por teléfono con ellos) bastante regular, uno con sus bronquios y sus ahogos y la otra su bigado, riñón tension y tantas cosas. Por mis padres se que, escribiste a tío José. - Esto nos ha llenado de gozo a toda la familia, yo, he querido escribirte, para darte las gracias por todas tus molestias hacia nosotros. Me consta que continuamente pides por nosotros y que gracias a ti disfrutamos de muchas virtudes que nos van abriendo el camino de la salvación de nuestras almas. Yo, personalmente nunca pido a Dios más que, mi salud mejor y me encuentre fuerte y sana para poder educar a mis hijas como lo hizo mi buena Madre conmigo.

Sé que tío José te pidió para que rogaras por una Sra. amiga nuestra, madre de cuatro hijos, a la que operaron con un sarcoma de mama. El cirujano le dio después de la intervención 15 días, han pasado dos meses y según un especialista francés de Montpellier la señora se encuentra tan bien que para él, es esto un hecho milagroso. Estoy segura que la Santísima Virgen te ha escuchado. Esta mujer hace mucha falta a sus hijos y su marido, si ella faltare esta familia se haría añicos y su formación cristiana quedaría al margen. Por esto y por todos tus desvelos, gracias mi querido tío. Pide a nuestra querida Madre que, yo sea una buena esposa y una mejor madre. De esta forma



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February 21, 1961

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Rev. William Roper CMF
Claretian House of Studies
700 Monroe Street, N.E.
Washington D.C.

Dear Father Roper:

It was so nice to hear from you again. I am very happy to know about the good news concerning our young Priests and those about to be ordained.

In answer to your question, our Perpetual Mass League and our Purgatorial Society are one and the same. Its official title is "Claretian Perpetual Mass League or The Pious Marian Union of Suffrages." People are very interested in this League. Every religious order has something of this nature. Many of them began after we did.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Anthony Claret, Our Dear Founder, obtain for you young priests and for me, an elderly one, the efficacious graces that we need to attain the fulness of our personal vocation in our Beloved Congregation. Do extend my best regards to all, particularly to your Father Superior and Father Prefect.

Fraternally yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, CMF

February 21, 1961

Dear Mr. Quinn:

Thank you for your letter and donation. The two packages of reliquary crucifixes of St. Anthony M. Claret should have arrived by now. As you may know, the crucifixes have been blessed with the Apostolic Indulgences, the Grace of a Happy Death, and the Stations of the Cross. When they are kissed, you obtain, through the Sacred Passion of Christ, the efficacious actual graces needed in the present moment. The Scapular Medal has on one side the Sacred Heart of Jesus and on the other side the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is blessed for fifteen scapulars as stated in the paper which is enclosed in this letter. Then you have the Miraculous Medal that goes by itself and then St. Anthony Claret Medal and the relic of St. Anthony Claret.

May I take this occasion to thank you for subscribing us to "The Pope Speaks." We all are enjoying it very much.

I constantly pray that Jesus and Mary will bless you, and that your father and your Marybeth be always close to you.

Very sincerely yours in the Immaculate Heart,

Father Aloysius Eliacuria CMF

Final Carbon

February 21, 1961

Sister Ann Raymond
St. Anthony's Hospital
Las Vegas, New Mexico

Dear Sister:

I am very sorry to hear of your brother's departure. I have taken care of the Holy Mass for the repose of his soul. His beloved wife and daughter will continue to be remembered in my prayers.

By this time you should have received the crucifixes which you requested to be blessed. The crucifixes have the Apostolic Indulgences, the Stations of the Cross, and the Happy Death. I have also blessed them for the intentions which you requested. As often as the crucifixes are kissed, one may obtain, through the Passion of Christ, the efficacious actual graces needed to cope with the difficulties of the present moment and to be able to accomplish God's will as thoroughly as possible.

With my best wishes for a continuance of your constant increase in grace and holiness. Do continue your prayers for us.

Very sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Fr. Aloysius Ellscuria CMF

745 South Windsor Blvd
Los Angeles 5, Calif.
February the 21st.

Dear Father Aloysius:

I am deeply grateful to you for your visit to me at St. Vincent's Hospital and for your prayers and blessings. I have now had such a feeling that our Lord himself was working thru you. It was a very fine feeling to know that your blessings were so effective.

I came home by ambulance on Thursday, February the 8th. My physicians say I must stay in bed for 3 months to allow my heart to heal. However I am allowed to sit up in a wheel-chair for a total of 4 hours each day. I am resigned to obey the doctors so I can regain my real strength.

I hope, conditions permitting, that you will come here to see me and again give me your blessing.

While I was in hospital my pastor, Bishop Manning called to see me three times. Also the parish assistants come frequently. Every morning in

hospital I received Holy Communion every
morning. The day I entered I went
to confession to the hospital chaplain.
He also gave me the anointing of
Extreme unction, explaining that it
would help me physically as well as
spiritually.

It is a real joy to know you and
to contribute in a small way to the great
work you and all the Quakers are doing.

Wishing you and your order every
success in every way and that all of you
will also continue your health and
with my prayers too, I am with all
respect and gratitude.

Sincerely and cordially yours.

Maurice Thorpe.



J.M.J.A.

San Marcos, Febrero 21, 1961.

Rdo. P. Luis Ellacuría C.M.F.
Los Angeles, Calif.

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COLON, REPUBLICA DE PANAMA

Mi estimado Padre: Gracias a Dios termino bien mi aventura. Pues, tal me pareció el intento de tomar el avión cuando llegamos al aeropuerto y encontramos aquella avalancha de gente. Pero el Hermano fue tan avisado que se abalanzo, se puso por delante de todos, enseñó mi tiquete, y casi sin saber cómo me encontré sentado en el magnifico JET que me llevo a Denver. Allí entre nieve y frío glacial cambié de avión y a las siete de la noche estaba en San Antonio. No me hicieron pagar por cambiar de línea, ni por subir al JET. Todo, pues, me fue muy bien gracias a la intrepidez del Hermano. Agradézcaselo en mi nombre.

Cuéntele todo esto al P. Provincial para que se alegre al saber que sus gestiones tuvieron tan feliz éxito.

El domingo por la tarde me trajeron a San Marcos y de una vez comencé la Misión.

Tanto en San Antonio como aquí en San Marcos recibí la más agradable impresión con los hombres que han hecho los Cursillos de Cristiandad y acuden a la Iglesia con alegría y se colocan en los primeros bancos y rezan y cantan a todo pulmón. ¿Llegarán a ser la levadura que fermenta a toda la masa de cristianos sin el espíritu de tales? No olvido en mis oraciones su buen deseo de la Casa de Ejercicios.

¿Habrá podido el P. Treviño hacer algo con mis encargos (los guantes y las siete medallitas)? Al P. Stacy (¿se escribirá así? que me perdone, porque estoy solo y no encuentro el catálogo), mi agradecimiento por lo mucho que me ayudó para poder ver a Mons. Preciado, para ir a Claretville, etc. A todos, y especialmente a V. R. mi reconocimiento por el bondadoso hospedaje.

Agus. in C.O.M. + Luis Ellacuría C.M.F.

Feb. 23, 61

Rev. and dear Father Aloysius -

Thank you a thousand times for your blessings and prayers.

Will you please be so good as to offer a Mass through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in utmost thanksgiving for a favorable X Ray report and for continued improvement in health for my husband and myself.

Again thanking you and hoping you will continue to pray for my special intentions I remain
Most gratefully
(Mrs.) Mildred D. Flynn



Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese

Villa Teresa

1300 Classen Drive

Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma

March 9, 1961

Praise be to Jesus and Mary

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius,

Thank you so much for all that you were able to do for the sick sisters. Sister Lucy was most brave and kept up until Tuesday, when she began to have weak spells and the expression on her face was so full of torture, that she begged to go to the hospital. This was something that she had refused to do, before visiting you. On Monday morning, she had quite an experience-someone pulled her mantle after Holy Communion and almost had her doubled in two. She thinks that it was the devil for there was no one around her. She is now in St. Francis Hospital and in good dispositions.

Yesterday, a lady called and asked that you say a novena of masses for Roseamey Brink who is a young mother dying of fungus, a tumor on the optical nerve. I shall enclose a check and she will reimburse me. How do you stand the suffering and sorrow that surround you, Father?

The enclosed check for thirty dollars is for a set of Gregorian Masses to be offered for the deceased sisters of our community and all the souls in Purgatory. I think that I have neglected these dear Souls, in the past.

I am so very grateful for your daily blessing, dear Father and special salutations to your precious angel.

Please take more care of yourself. I hope that you are not so tired looking when I have the pleasure of seeing you again.

Please keep me and my sisters in your prayers.

I must tell you the news; Bishop Reed has given permission to the community to undertake a mission in South or Central America. The Latin Bureau will procure a sponsor and we shall open with a clinic. I am thrilled to think that we can be of such service in the Church and just think of the souls who will know and love God because of

the sisters of the Little Flower. We shall carry on the work that she desired to so do much, when she was on earth.

Bishop Reed is sending a band of priests from Oklahoma to South America, and has asked that we change our place or location in Central America, Guatamala, to where ever these Oklahomans are going to establish a mission. What do you think of this, Father? Is it a little premature? We won't go until 1962.

And the Council agreed to open a home for the trainable mentally retarded children in California, with some stipulations which I have sent to Mrs. Giffin. I am awaiting a reply.

God love and bless you, dear Father, for all that you have done for our little community.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Mother Celene

BELLARMINE-JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

465 EAST OLIVE AVENUE
BURBANK, CALIFORNIA

March 9, 1961

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Father Aloysius:

In compliance with your request to have a written report on my father's progress I am herewith enclosing a highly confidential report sent to me by my good friend Dr. Kattus, who is in charge of Dad's case. You may keep this analysis permanently for your own private files. But please do not disclose its contents to Dad or Mother. Their report from Dr. Maloney was much more encouraging. This was intended to boost up Dad's spirits(which it certainly did!).

This report by Dr. Kattus is typically factual for a medical man. But we have to be realistic; and the doctor gave it to us right from the shoulder.

In conclusion, Father, I express my deepest gratitude for the wonderful help you have given to Dad! We'll be forever in your debt!

Oremus pro invicem. Be assured of my Masses.

Patric Charley

ALBERT A. KATTUS, JR., M. D.
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA MEDICAL CENTER
LOS ANGELES 24, CALIFORNIA

February 24, 1961

Rev. Charles Harman
737 E. Olive
Burbank, California

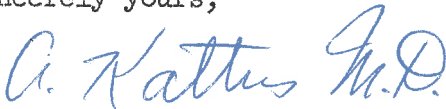
Dear Father Harman:

I have reviewed the chest x-ray films taken on your father following completion of his course of cobalt radiation therapy. The main tumor mass in the left upper chest has shown very striking regression, but it has by no means disappeared. There remains definite evidence of infiltration in the lung tissue along the medial aspect of the left upper lobe. There is no way for me to tell whether this infiltration represents persistent viable tumor tissue or scarring as a consequence of healing of the area where tumor was destroyed.

The small round shadow in the outer left mid-lung field that was presumed to be a metastatic growth from the primary tumor also remains, but it shows some evidence of softening. We cannot say for certain whether or not this is indeed part of the malignant growth. It could be that this shadow is some entirely different and perhaps benign process.

I believe one could say that the findings indicate that the growth has shown a satisfactory response to the radiation, but that it would be entirely unwarranted to base any strong hope for a cure on the results so far achieved.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Kattus Jr. M.D." The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials "A." and "Jr." clearly visible.

Albert A. Kattus, Jr., M.D.

March 16, '61

Rev. and dear Father Aloysius, -

Thank you very much
for all your wonderful
blessings and prayers.

Will you please offer
a Mass through the Im-
maculate Heart of Mary in
thanksgiving for favors
received, and in petition for
cure of my husband's illness
and my abdominal trouble?

Again thanking you
and asking God blessing
on your wonderful work
in His Vineyard I remain

Most gratefully yours,
(Mrs) Mildred Flynn
525 N. E. Molino St
Alhambra, Calif.

(enc)
\$2.00)

1244 So. Florence Place
Tulsa, 4, Oklahoma
March 20, 1961

Dear Father Aloysius Ellacuria,

My friend came home after having the privilege of a visit with you. How very fortunate she was to have received your blessings. My heart aches to be in close contact with such a devoted person as yourself because I am in great need of spiritual guidance and encouragement. I know I probably never will be able to make a visit to see you and I am much sorrowed that I am not close enough to have a talk with you.

Dear Father, thank you for your prayers for my son, Vic, who is still working on his Masters degree in Psychology. He is in dire need of a job that will pay him enough to keep his family. He is working on a small job but the pay is small and very uncertain and his health has been very poor the past three weeks.

There seems to be so much conflict and opposition to my devotion to our dear Lord and His Mother. My husband does not understand why I desire to be so engrossed in being recollected in God so I must secretly talk to my Beloved while being obedient to my husband. I regret that I found the faith so late, but so very grateful for the gift. I grab at every straw that will further my proximity to God. Please Father, do not think I am foolish but have pity on my ignorance.

I am a great sinner but daily I strive to become more acceptable to God. Daily I pray to God that He will take my heart, my hands, my mind and most of all my soul. I pray God will choose me for one of His saints but a sinner like I am is not worthy.

This Lenten season, we have had many trials and tribulations and many times I wished I could have a talk with you. Your time is very valuable so please forgive my intrusion with this letter. I wish I could have a spiritual advisor as yourself to guide me. When I search for a priest to talk with here in Tulsa, I seem to become tongue tied and they assume I am an overly emotional woman and I feel almost at a standstill in my spiritual progress. I shall continue to pray for patience and understanding.

May God Bless you and keep you in His care. I shall pray for you Father. I would like to send you an offering but am unable to do so at this time but I shall in the near future.

Father - is it wrong or perhaps a presumption to pray to God to make me a saint? Maybe I should say, "allow me to become one". I do so want to find a way as long as it is the will of God.

God Love You Father.

Sincerely
(Mrs.) Margaret Anderson

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TELEPHONE CENTRAL 5-4487

March 1, 1961

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Rev. and dear Father Aloysius:

When I talked with you last Saturday evening on long distance, you kindly requested that I keep you informed as to Mrs. Semtner's condition, since you stated you would pray for her. This pleased us very much because with your Holy intercession to God we felt she had a good opportunity for recovery. Her condition remains critical, but she and we have great faith that it might be God's Holy Will for her to remain with us. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Mrs. Semtner said this morning that she believes it would require a miracle for her to live - that medical science will not be able to help her - but that she does believe in miracles. So, dear Father Aloysius, everything you can do to help her regain good health will be tremendously appreciated. I'm hoping you received the air mail special delivery letter that I wrote to you at my office on Sunday last.

Mrs. Semtner's difficulty is leukemia of the lymph glands and chronic leukemia. This condition as you know is an extremely serious one.

Thank you, Father Aloysius - and may our good Lord in heaven bless you always.

Sincerely yours,

B. L. Semtner.

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TELEPHONE CENTRAL 5-4487

March 6, 1961

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles, California

Rev. and dear Father Aloysius:

You will be glad to learn that Mrs. Semtner has shown considerable improvement during the past few days. We are most hopeful that it is God's Will to leave her with us for awhile longer. Your prayers and good works for her, Father Aloysius, are greatly appreciated.

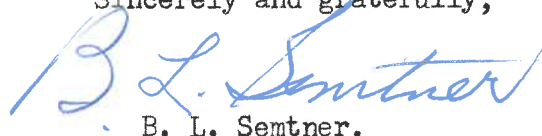
Attached is a \$25.00 offering. We hope you will offer for Mrs. Semtner a few Masses - or that you will proceed in your usual manner to intercede to God for ones who are seriously ill as is she.

If ever you have the time to drop us a short note with regard to Mrs. Semtner's illness and her possible recovery, certainly we will appreciate receiving it so very much.

Perhaps it is through your holy intercession to God that she is better. Many, many prayers have been offered to God in her behalf.

Thank you very much, Father Aloysius, for whatever you may do towards helping Mrs. Semtner to improve.

Sincerely and gratefully,


B. L. Semtner.

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March 11, 1961

Dear Father Aloysius:

John and I both appreciate sincerely, your thoughtfulness in remembering us when you received the small gold crucifixes.

In deep humility we would like to give you this small token as our thanks. We realize you have many who are dear to you that you would like to remember.

Most humbly and sincerely

Grace and John Steffy

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TELEPHONE CENTRAL 5-4487

March 15, 1961

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Claretian Fathers, P. H.
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius:

Mrs. Semtner is a little better now than she was when I wrote to you last, I believe. Perhaps it is through your holy intercession that she does seem to be better.

Attached is a \$50.00 check and our request is that you continue your efforts in Mrs. Semtner's behalf. If ever she gets able to make the trip to Los Angeles by plane, perhaps we could come out to see you. Would you have the time to see us? We know you are most busy, but we would appreciate it if you would take a moment to write a line at the bottom of this letter telling us whether you could see us if we are able to make the trip there.

Mrs. Semtner has great faith. ^{Through} /this, together with your assistance, and if it is God's Will, perhaps she can be restored to at least fair health once more. We hope so much that this can be the results in her case.

Some of the Sisters and Priests in this area have great confidence in you and this causes us to feel as they do regarding your holy work.

Thank you so very much, Father Aloysius, for whatever you can do for Mrs. Semtner. A short reply - written right on the bottom of this letter - will mean much to us. A self-addressed, air-mail, stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying and to save your time.

May God bless you always!

Sincerely yours,

B. L. Semtner
B. L. Semtner, President.

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March 18, 1961

Dear Father Ellacuria

Your gracious letters have been so helpful to me. Time passes rapidly. In almost another month the first Anniversary of Marybeth's death will be here. I would like a novena of Masses said for her if it is possible for you to arrange. Her Anniversary date is May 2.

"I know she is praying for me and her family that all in the fullness of time will join her in heaven. While I'm still alone at home I feel she is by my side and I pray that her joy and my humble offerings will release some poor souls in Purgatory."

I do appreciate receiving the reliquary Crucifixes of St Anthony Mary Clare. I know how busy you must be and to take time out to express your holy thoughts has resulted in my being ever so mindful of what the eternal future can be. The light glow in the distance can be the brightness of salvation by dedication to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And I'm trying very hard to live in a manner pleasing to Almighty God.

Sincerely
Jesuit

P.S. The enclosed is for whatever disposition you wish to make

March 19, 1961

Dear Mrs. Campbell:

I was happy to offer the Mass for Carlin Dinkler Sr. Thanks for your donation to "Our Lady of La Leche." It has been used to say a Novena of Masses starting February 21 and ending March 1 for all the needs and intentions of your beloved husband, John Owen Jr. and yourself.

My deepest thanks to John and to yourself for having given me the privilege of baptizing the first wonderful fruit of your holy marriage. It was very touching to see all the family at the altar after the Holy Baptism praying for the baby and witnessing his consecration to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary during the Consecration, I was also pleading for the salvation of all present because of the innocence of the newly baptized.

This coming first Wednesday, if it is allright with John, we'll have a film for the guild called "Communism on the Map." It shows the devastating effects of Communism in seventy-two nations. I have been showing it in some of our guilds; it really shows how Communism is a forerunner of Anti-Christ.

May your beloved husband, your precious baby and yourself have the holiest Holy Week and the happiest Easter.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

La Verne, Calif.
March 20, 1961

Dear Father Aloysius,

If Marion were feeling well we would probably be visiting you tomorrow. But such is not the Will of God, so we conform to His Wishes.

Tomorrow, the doctor will take x-ray pictures to determine the progress of the cancer in her back. I gave Marion the message you gave me at the altar Sunday and we both are most grateful for your Holy Prayers.

Today, we received a letter from my father and mother. They ask that I bring the enclosed check to you but I am mailing it instead so that you will get it sooner. I am also enclosing their letter so that you may receive their words of gratitude directly.

We will continue to pray for you daily, Father, and today on St. Joseph's Feast we particularly ask his blessing upon you.

Francis X. Levy

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March 20, 1961

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Claretian Missionaries
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius:

It was most wonderful to receive your kind letter of the 17th regarding Mrs. Semtner, and also the four St. Anthony cards with the relics attached. Thank you kindly.

After receiving your consoling letter, I called Mrs. Semtner on the telephone and read it to her. She was greatly pleased and said she felt so much better for having heard from you. You bet, Father Aloysius, we will be praying as fervently as we can. There have been many Masses offered - and they still are being offered for Mrs. Semtner. Also, there have been many Masses offered in Thanksgiving.

Dear Father Aloysius, your assistance is tremendously appreciated. We are so grateful to you for being interested in us. A \$50 check is attached hereto. We have learned from my sister, Sister M. Benigna (who is a Franciscan nun) that you can use any offerings to the best advantage in your missionary work.

Yes, we thoroughly agree that our Father's Will be done on earth - and not necessarily our will - and that we are to be cheerful and resigned with whatever His decisions are. We know how good and merciful is our God - or perhaps it would be better if I said: we believe we know.

Certainly we will be most grateful to you for your kind and holy efforts in Mrs. Semtner's behalf - and we'll gladly keep you informed as to her condition as time goes by.

Thank you, dear Father Aloysius, so very much for your holy intercession for us - and may our dear Lord bless and protect you always.

Sincerely and gratefully,

B. L. Semtner
B. L. Semtner.

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P.S. Mrs. Semtner's condition is about the same for past two weeks.

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TELEPHONE CENTRAL 5-4487

March 29, 1961

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Claretian Missionaries
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius:

The great efforts you are making in behalf of Mrs. Semtner are much appreciated by us. Won't you continue the fine work you have been doing for her? Her condition isn't too good, but we are thankful to God that she still is with us and we are hopeful that He may permit her to remain with us.

Attached is a \$50 check - and may we please request that you continue to do everything you can to help Mrs. Semtner to once again enjoy at least fairly good health if it be God's Holy Will? Truly, in my opinion, if she recovers it will be the result of a holy miracle. She is so very, very thin and weak, but she is hoping and praying for recovery if it can be His Holy Will in Heaven. She is, in general, quite cheerful.

Dear Father Aloysius, we are so grateful to you for your holy assistance - and we know if Mrs. Semtner leaves us it will be God's Holy Will and we will try to accept it as He would wish us to do.

May we wish for you a most happy Easter? and may our dear Saviour in Heaven love and bless you always!

Cordially and gratefully,

B. L. Semtner
B. L. Semtner.

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On
Easter Morning
the Glorious Feast
of the Resurrection
You and Your
Loved Ones
Will share a
Remembrance in the Mass
I am Privileged to Celebrate.



May the glorified Christ fill your lives
with His choicest graces and blessings



March 30, 1961

Keep for reference

Dear Mrs. McDonald,

All Claretian Fathers, Students, Brothers, Novices, Postulants with one accord, wish you, our illustrious benefactress the Happiest Easter laden with many blessings for your health, for your happiness and your holiness..We all are most grateful for your most generous help to the Claretian Missionaries.

May your health improve. We are sorry to hear you have to go back to the hospital for another operation. We hope your are recovering fully well. May I have the privilege of blessing you whenever you can make it this way.

Most gratefully in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria
C.M.F..



My
Easter
Remembrance
for...
You



April 6, 61

Rev. and dear Father Aloysius, -

Thank you very much
for your prayers and
blessings. Both my husband
and I are feeling much
better.

Will you be so kind
as to offer a Mass through
the Immaculate Heart of
Mary in thanksgiving for
God's many blessings and
in petition for continued
improvement in our health?

Thanking you for all
your past kindnesses and
asking God's blessing on you
and your work for Him, I
remain most gratefully yours.
(Mrs) Mildred Flynn.

May 2, 1961

Dear Father,

^{been} Since last summer I have
hoping there would be some
way of bringing our little
Frankie to you for your bless-
ings. So far I can see no
way of bringing him to you.

My Uncle, James Prior, from
Los Angeles, was visiting with
us last summer. He told me
about you and how God had
given you the power to help
heal people. Carl Heinemeyer
is a very good friend of my Uncle
and had told him how you
had helped him. I received a
letter from Carl last year & he
said he spoke with you on the
phone about our Frankie.

Father, I understand that even if I could bring Frankie to you it would be very possible you could not help him.

I do not know if I am doing right praying for a miracle or not. I feel greedy when I ask God for a miracle. I know it is a miracle that we have our Frankie now, for when he was six weeks old he was very ill. The Doctors told me they had done all they could for him & that he was in the hands of God. They did not expect him to live. Three days later we brought Frankie home from the hospital. So this is why I feel maybe I am asking too much. I feel I should be

satisfied just having our Frankie,
I guess every mother wants more
for her children than just life.
She would like to see her
children live a fulfilling life.
To be able to work for God &
their own family.

I do not know if Carl was
able to tell you much about
our Frankie. He is now $3\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.
old. A little over a year ago
we were told Frankie was
severely mentally retarded & that
they had no hopes for him.
We do not know if it was
caused from his illness when
he was an infant or whether
he was born with brain damage.
The doctors even mentioned

putting him in a home for the Retarded for it was possible that one day he may harm himself or one of our other children. (We are blessed with three other healthy children.)

Oh Father, Frankie is such a beautiful child. Is it wrong for me to feel the way I do, wanting God to give him a normal life?

I believe I have taken enough of your time Father, but I wanted to ask if you would remember our Frankie in your prayers.

We would all appreciate it very much.

If you have the time
we would love to hear from
you Father.

Thank you for your time,

With Kindest Regards,
Mrs. Frank E. Whitaker
and family

Mrs. F. E. Whitaker
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Indep., Mo.

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Sunday May 7

Dear Father Aloysius

Even though it has been some time since we have seen you, I must say that you are always on our minds and also especially in our prayers. We can never of course thank you enough for all that you have done for us, & may God give you the strength to continue.

If I could Father, I would like to ask you if you could remember my Mother in your prayers - She is back in Chicago with my sister and is very sick - she only has a short time left and if God can only watch over her & give her a peaceful death - She has Cancer & has suffer quite abit - But a few days ago they told me that her pain has subsided & if it only can continue to do so - I know that my Father, my Brother & Little Perry are doing what they can up above, so if we can help from this side - We thank you Father
May God watch over you always Father Aloysius

Perry.

SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE
1120 WESTCHESTER PLACE
LOS ANGELES 19, CALIFORNIA

May 22, 1961

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria, C. M. F.
Claretian Fathers
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Reverend and dear Father:

We wish to thank you and Father Ambrosi for your consideration and great kindness of sending over the two seminarians to serve Bishop Manning's Mass yesterday morning. I am sure that everything was so much the better by having had the proficient help which makes divine services so much more beautiful.

You are so very kind to us and we wish to thank you most sincerely, and asking you please to pray for us,

Very sincerely and gratefully in Christ,

Sisters of Social Service


Superior General

May 29, 1961

Mrs. Mary de Solenni
5044 Fairbanks Way
Culver City, California

Dear Mrs. de Solenni:

I was very sad to hear that your Mario has broken his ankle and that the poor boy is so disappointed because he has been refused his commission and does not know what is going to happen to him.

Mario is a wonderful boy, both intelligent and religious. Tell him to stay as calm as possible through all this ordeal, to do the best he can and force himself to a cheerful and constructive attitude by relying on the plans of Divine Providence. Tell him that the adversities and contrarities must make a real man out of him.

I certainly will continue praying for Mario. He is going to come out of this well. Encourage him to continue with his spiritual life by receiving the Sacraments often and saying the Holy Rosary daily.

I am so happy to say the Holy Mass for Mario as you have ordered. You assure him of my prayers on his behalf.

Gratefully in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

May 29, 1961

Dear Reverend Mother:

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary bless your Carmel now and unto the end of time.

I was extremely happy to receive your letter. How well I remember the first time I spoke to you in 1942, when you were Mother Prioress in your Alhambra Monastery, and afterwards when you spoke to me about your project of the foundation that is now such a glorious reality of Salt Lake City. I rejoice with wonderful news that you are preparing for your solemn vows.

So happy to hear that you have built an addition to your house for the out sisters. Remember me to the two out sisters and beseech them to pray for all my needs and intentions.

In regard to your novice who finds the cloistered life too confining, do encourage her to be as generous as possible with Jesus and Mary and embrace all the real Carmel in its entirety. She should consider doing this her greatest privilege and joy. Tell her to remain most calm and gracious at all times because she is on top of the summit of Mt. Carmel, completely dedicated to Jesus and Mary. After her putting all her generosity into action for several months, see, Reverend Mother, how her health and nerves and frame of mind react. Then make your decision.

So happy to hear what those two retreat masters have said about the spirituality of your little community. You are doing the most wonderful thing in fulfilling the First Commandment so thoroughly. As you say so well, "We are all trying to love Our Lord as much as we can."

You, Reverend Mother, are the first to tell me about the contents of the Fatima secret. Your community is such a powerhouse against the enemies of God and His Church; therefore, apply all of your prayers day and night for the defeat of communism. I offer up all for this intention also.

May I count on the continuance of your prayers and of your Carmel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I reassure you of my own prayers on your behalf.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

May 29, 1961

Sister Lucy Teresa
1300 Classen Drive
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sister Lucy Teresa:

I was very happy to receive your letter of May 22 and in regard to your question, my answer is do all you can to fulfill your Holy Rule and all your obligations to the best of your ability by being always most gracious and generous about it all. This is the best penance that one can do and most salutary for ones soul and the most pleasing to God. In your spare time devote yourself to spiritual reading, meditation, and prayer. Likewise, love to do things for others, serving and helping Christ in them.

I am extremely happy that you came to Confession to me and I am most grateful to God for making me His instrument to help you. I rejoice with you for your wonderful reaction to grace. Do remain in the same dispositions and renew them every day upon awakening, promising Jesus and Mary your level best each day unto the end.

I commend myself to your prayers. You will be one of my jewels on my crown in heaven.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

P.S. I have blessed your medals and are returning them to you.

May 29, 1961

Dear Mrs. Dengler:

This is to notify you that I received the request to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for Sylvester Manley. I have given the Mass my proper attention and I hope that Mr. Manley feels better. I also hope that your vision turns out to be 20/20.

Continue praying for my needs and intentions and pray for all the sick people that are coming to me. A young man, 22 years old, by the name of James Wiley, flew here from Kansas City, Missouri. He will be here until Wednesday afternoon. He is suffering with the worse kind of cancer and has been operated upon twice. He was married last August and is such a good boy and so resigned and humble to God's will. Pray that if it is God's holy will that his life be spared through the mediation of St. Anthony Mary Claret.

I am happy to have received your phone call and pray that Sylvester is getting along better. My prayers will continue for him.

Sincerely in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

May 29, 1961

Dear Mrs. Wiley:

Jim came to Mass on time this morning and received Holy Communion. He was blessed, given breakfast, and later one of the brothers drove him to his hotel. Jim has impressed me very, very much. He is so sincere and so good. I am deeply touched by his perfect resignation to God's holy will and by his humility in accepting whatever God has in store for him.

I have prayed with him an act of thorough resignation to God's holy will. He will be back tomorrow, Memorial Day, for 6:30 Mass, and likewise Wednesday before he takes his plane.

I have asked people for prayers for your son's health. Now our Good God, through the mediation of St. Anthony Mary Claret, will order all what is best for Jim and his loving family. May we have many young men like your own son for the service of God and His Church.

My best regards to your loving husband and to all your family.

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May 30/1961

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4) know that he needs attention and is rejecting it — especially, since I, myself, am not too well, either.

And you, too, Dear Father, are not well, eh? Oh, Dear Friend in Christ, if all of us could offer our little trials the way you do your big ones — ah, that day would see the end of the miseries of this world — that day would spell Paradise!

But, even as I, sinners, Father, I'll continue to try to "steal" Heaven.

I didn't plan to write such a "dirge", but, Father, these are the spiritual gifts of God we need — as I tell Him and our Mother — when He gives the spiritual, then, indeed, the physical are tearable — and, indeed, seem to fade. (See "Q.8" ~~on~~ reverse side of Page 1)

One bright note in my family — Dad's Brother, 86 years old — with a skin cancer of the nose for some 25 years or

5) so now - after the treatments (rather frequent)
he suffers again for a week - but, the only
human he has confessed that ~~he~~ is his
sister (the angina-pectoris) ~~was~~! But, Uncle
Frank has had (as far as I can remember)
a deep, steadfast love of the Blessed Mother!
My Frank has been most kind to him,
and for us alone, he says the Rosary
twice daily - until very recently, he
went daily to Holy Mass and also a
daily visit - all, as he says, with a
charming smile, "for the Blessed Mother!"
He is a happy, serene person, thank
God, - and should be an inspiration to
his Brothers and Sisters.

God grant you, Dear Father, His Greatest
Blessings - you have been so good to us -
and too so many others, too.

Most sincerely in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Frank and Ruth

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May 31, 1961

Father,

I realize how busy you are and that you have many engagements to remember so I thought it would be a help to you if I wrote down our wedding date.

Everything has been planned for July 15 at 10 o'clock Nuptial Mass. It'll be a double ring ceremony. We'll arrange with you later for a time to pick you up. If you would like to come to the reception at my

grandmother's following the
wedding, we would be
more than happy to
have you.

Thank you again,
Father, for taking time
from your busy schedule
to marry Leah and I. It
will make our day twice
as happy.

Sincerely,

Lambi

Budway

San Andreas, Calif.
May 31, 1961

Reverend dear Father Aloysius:

Thank you for your continued prayers for James and for your most welcome letter of May 24th.

I took him home from the hospital on the 24th and he has been improving daily.

We are alone at the mining site and James doesn't intend to do any work at all of any kind - he is following your advice which is greatly appreciated, Father.

Our financial condition at present is not good, however - though an acquaintance is trying to rent out a dump-truck and a skip-loader we have here, which would more than cover our obligations and living expenses. As soon as this can be done and we have

the means to come down there, we will see you -- we intend to come just as quickly as possible.

It would be good for James to rest as much as possible for a couple weeks anyway, as it is quite a long drive - over 400 miles. However, we don't have to make it in one day -- so please pray for our other necessities also, Father, and we will pray hard for your intentions.

Thanking you from the bottom of our hearts for your wonderful kindness to us in your blessings and prayers,
We are

Very respectfully yours,

James & Irene

P.O. Box 973

James & Irene Glendinning

Richardton, N. Dak.
June 13, 1961

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C. M. F.
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Father Aloysius,

I should have written long ago as Emil, the children and I have been thinking of you every day.

Our trip home was very pleasant. He enjoyed every mile of it. Emil has been very busy in the fields since we have come home.

We have been having nothing but heat and very little rain. The crops are really suffering. I imagine it's quite hot in California now too.

Gary, our son, took the literature you gave him, to the Assumption Abbey. Father David is taking care of it.

I just haven't been feeling good at all the last few weeks. I so wish I could be in Calif. now, as I felt so much better when you blessed me Father. I have pain in the lower part of my body, but I still have faith that it will pass again and I will be restored to good health and strength. If it is at all possible we

plan on seeing you this fall.

I am sending you ten (\$10⁰⁰) dollars
father. Would you please say a Mass
for me on First Friday if you can, or
when ever you can, and also enroll
Emil, my husband, in the Claretian Perpetual
Mass League.

I remember you in my prayers every
day Father, with love, hope and faith in my
heart for all the prayers and blessings
you have given me, while we were
in California

May God love you and in all His
mercy hear our prayers.

Respectfully yours

Mrs. Emil J. Haerner

Grace Nugent hats

321 WEST EIGHTH STREET
LOS ANGELES

6-15-61

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Rev. Father alaypius: C.M.F. -

Rev. dear Father:-

A very good friend has just presented my Sister, who is ill, with a Miraculous Medal which has been blessed by you. My Brother is very seriously ill in San Francisco and I am sending it on to him - I wonder if you could conveniently send me two more medals - I do not want my sister to be without it - She has truly improved since wearing since last Tues. evening - Also may I ask you to please offer Holy Mass for my loving Brother asking almighty God to spare him without pain

if it be His Holy and Divine Will
We do appreciate your every prayer & love Father -
Brother's name -

W^m J. Nugent Sr -

He has been living here with my Sister and
me - but is now in St. Mary's Hospital
San Francisco -

Calif.
Please please Father ask Almighty God to
spare him with out pain & let be His Holy Will
Most Gratefully Mrs J. D. Carroll.

Or 1-6578

856 Leavenworth Ave. apt 2 & 4 24-

7108 Miles Avenue
Huntington Park, Calif.
June 16, 1961

Claretian Fathers
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles, California

Dear Father Aloysius:

I have a problem and you are the only one in the Los Angeles area that I know of who can solve it.

For many years I have endeavored to be enrolled in the various scapulars of the Church and I recently made arrangements with the Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild to be notified when you enrolled members of that Society in some of the scapulars. I have been enrolled in the red, white, black, blue and brown scapulars plus the scapular of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Black of the Passionist Fathers.

It is highly possible that I may not be living in Los Angeles within two or three months from now and may have to move to San Francisco and if I do it will considerably delay or even prohibit my enrollment in the remaining eight scapulars which you have faculties and special privileges granted from Rome. I understand that you also have faculties to enroll in the Cord of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Francis de Paula. I wish to be enrolled in all of these while opportunity presents itself.

I certainly understand how busy you must be; however, if it is possible to visit you from time to time and be enrolled in several of these I would very much appreciate it. I would be free almost any time of the day or night except Monday nights when I attend the Legion of Mary Meeting in my Pastor's rectory.

The purpose of my enrollment in the various Confraternities and scapulars is not for self-gratification or honor. I have as my main motive the release of the poor souls. I cannot explain to you the compelling or driving force that has caused me to impose upon you this way but perhaps it could be better explained by the enclosed memo which I recently prepared for my own information. If I interpret the events of my past life clearly, it appears evident that Almighty God wishes that I continue to gain these indulgences.

If you find that this request will overburden or disturb your normal business or your more important priestly duties, I will fully understand and will withdraw this request.

Sincerely yours,



Encl.

OFFICE RE 6-8659
RESIDENCE JA 6-4796

JOSEF FAUST
ENGINEER AND GEOLOGIST
COMMERCE EXCHANGE BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
June 17, 1961

Dear Father Aloysius:

I know that Mrs. Faust has written
and thanked you for the kind reception you gave her
and Mary Jo.

I also wish to thank you for taking care
of them while in Los Angeles and enclose a small check
for your personal use.

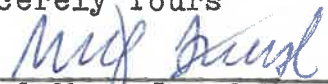
We are continueing to pray here together
and are pleased to hear in your letter of May 29, that
you will continue to pray for Mary Jo. She is getting
along and feeling fine. We sincerely hope that Gods help
and will will cure her.

We will write you from time to time and would
be pleased to hear from you.

If you ever should want to come to Oklahoma
City, you know that you will always have a home with the
Fausts.

Best regards from all of us

Sincerely Yours


Mr. and Mrs. Josef Faust
and Mary Jo.

FJ/K

July 1, 1961

Dear Reverend Father,

On your last visit to Arpaia in Van Nuys, Miss Cassidy said she would ask you to say prayers and a Mass for my sister-in-law Jean Tierney who was very ill with cancer. I was completely unaware of just how ill she was for she died on July 20 and I received the word on July 22. I know your prayers helped her in her last agony how I wish she had been in this vicinity so that you may have blessed her. She died at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota - a brave courageous girl; her last wishes that no one be told of her illness until it was all over.

Now we ask only that my brother and their seven beautiful children can somehow stay together. The oldest is 15 and the youngest 5.

I do thank you sincerely

In Jesus and Mary
Jeanne McDonald

"PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD
IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS"

To: PAUL

His Friends and Mine:

Especially dedicated
to: Fred and Eunice Osmon
Houston, Texas

HOLDING THE STIRRUP

In old Wyoming's Teton Park,
Fishing one day, we heard a lark
In ecstasy o'er crystal stream,
Shrouded peaks etched an awesome scene;
One gray pre-dawn, we searched in quest
Of sunrise over mountains' crest,
Riding back on a leafy trail,
Suddenly shone, The Holy Grail.

I used to tell you, Paul, my dear,
Nothing could daunt me with you near;
As long as you were by my side
I'd ride with ease, the wildest tide,
For you were such a wondrous force
Of strength to me, - a constant source
Of earthly bliss, and love so true,
I found so much of God in you.

The sudden parting, Sweetheart dear,
Turned me to stone, there was no fear,
Tho torrential grief crashed me down
Thru chasms deep, I could not drown,
I simply prayed God's healing power
Would lift you up, restore the flower
Of manhood He had sown in you
To do His Will, the best you knew.

My thundering heart, Paul, my dear,
Tore asunder without a tear,
I felt as lone, and stripped of glee
As whitened hulk of storm-lashed tree;
You gave no sign to lend me cheer
As I knelt down some word to hear,
Holding your hand, I prayed the more,
You'd take me too, thru heaven's door.

Deaf ears were turned to every plea,
And how I longed to trade with thee;
The place you lay was hallowed ground,
Angels of light seemed all around
To bear your spirit safe across
Torturous spires and earthly dross;
Your smile revealed rapturous calm,
Foretold you glimpsed Elysian dawn.

(over)

Oh God, had You forsaken me
When through the years I trusted Thee?
Had I not prayed, if not the thing,
This trip would not be entered in?
I staggered up, my cross to bear,
Alone, I thought, but standing there
Were treasured friends, in shocked surprise,
Deep pain of sorrow in their eyes.

They were Strength and Consolation,
Promised us in desolation;
Our love was steadfast thru the years,
We laughed a lot, - not many tears,
Pals who worked and played together,
Smiled thru sun and stormy weather,
Watched rainbows glisten after rain,
Rode sullen waves thru hurricane.

We danced in rhythm, any tunes,
Pondered in silence, silvery moons,
Our dreams, like smoke rings, we sped high,
They shed radiance across our sky;
Hope we had, in great abundance,
Courage too, thru every hindrance,
God's Hand stretched forth that fateful day,
He pressed our own, led one away.

Forty six souls rode out that lane,
Death stalked along mid glad refrain,
Had Someone lost His God Some Where?
And found Him, on his horse Out there?
A carefree cowboy cried that morn,
Others were mute, in wonder torn,
Sad doctor grieved, no kit he brought
To render aid, should help be sought.

Something within me died that day,
Sweetheart, - until I heard you say:
"Ride on with Hope, Grip the stirrup!
Cling fast to Faith, Head high, Chin up!
My life was bright, like candle light
Snuffed out at noon before cold night,
I'm with you still, and soon you'll see
Why I went first, instead of thee."

Almighty God, Thy Will be done!
Let me rejoice, the crown he won
Was earned thru stress, not aimless ease,
His stout heart braved tempestuous seas;
Dear Lord, may You remember me,
Oh keep my mind and spirit free,
A bright new Saint up there I see,
Because we placed our trust in Thee!

Santa Ana, California
July 26, 1960

*3rd Anniversary
Fiesta Day of St. Anne.*

Florence



CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES

1119 WESTCHESTER PLACE
LOS ANGELES 19, CALIFORNIA

PROVINCIAL HOUSE

REPUBLIC 1-9329

July 11, 1961

Right Reverend Abbot:

The sixteenth of this month will be the happy anniversary of your being blessed as the second Abbot of Our Lady of the Holy Trinity Abbey of Huntsville. The beautiful ceremonies that accompany it are ever present in my mind and heart. The most merciful God has exulted you to be, in the present day, another St. Bernard. How blessed your subjects are in having you as their Father and Abbot. May it be so for many years.

I feel extremely privileged in being remembered in your holy prayers and in your life of thorough dedication to contemplation and sacrifice. On my part, I will try to pay back to Your Reverence by beseeching the Almighty God to continue blessing you, and your Holy Abbey through you, by making you all live again in its fulness the greatest spirit of St. Bernard.

I thank you very much for inviting me to give the retreat to your Abbey. But, dear Right Reverend Abbot, we are so understaffed in our small community that I am not at liberty to stay away from it. My special prayer will be for the one who gives the retreat to you. May he be the real utterance of St. Bernard himself to each one in your Abbey.

Together with you, I thank the Almighty God likewise for His goodness to your family, particularly in bringing Toni back to perfect health. I attribute the miracle to God, through St. Anthony Mary Claret, because He was so pleased with you, my dear Father Mary Emmanuel, and your Abbey is such a powerful house of prayer.

Kneeling in the spirit before you, I beg the blessing of the Holy Trinity upon myself and my work.

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
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September 5, 1961

Dear Dr. Yuhl:

May this note convey to you my deepest thanks for all you have been doing for me in my recent illness. Your last visit with two of your children touched me deeply. When you, a man with such a brilliant mind, show at the same time your great faith in the power of prayer particularly when it comes from the pure hearts of innocent children. You asked your little daughter Shawn and your son, Eric Francis to pray for my health so that I would recover soon. As they nodded "yes" with their little heads, I begged Christ to listen to your children's plea because He cannot refuse the prayers of the little children of whom He said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." I am most grateful to you Doctor.

I deeply appreciate your patience with me in my requesting physical therapy before attempting surgery. Mr. Joe Rossi has helped me very much indeed. First of all my nerves are much better. They have been so shattered all of these years. The tension at the base of my head has been released considerably since Mr. Rossi has treated me. I had only one set back -- September 1st between the hours of 12 Noon and 4:00 P.M. with a severe headache. The next day it was the first time that I could move my left eye freely in all directions and, as you remember Doctor, this eye was badly impaired during my last illness. I can see with it now as clearly as I did before I got sick. This same Saturday was the first day that I was able to wear my glasses most of the day without their causing pain to my eyes. Since that time I feel better each day. I know that I am not well yet but if later on surgery is needed, my nervous system will be better prepared for it.

I will be very pleased Doctor if you and Mrs. Yuhl will attend the Ice Follies of 1962 at Pan Pacific Auditorium on Monday evening, September 11 as my guests. Will you also give Dr. Duke Hanna two tickets for he and his wife for the same night. This night at Ice Follies will be Family Night, sponsored by St. Anthony Claret Guild of which I am the spiritual director. Will you extend my deepest thanks to Dr. Hanna who, under your direction took such a deep interest in my case.

May God and the Blessed Mother bless you always.

Sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

J.M.J.

Mary Walsh
924 Illinois
Colton, California

September 19, 1961

Dear Mary:

Your letter of September 13 has made me very happy. I told our mutual friends on different occasions to go and see you and to do whatever they could for you. I compassionate you so very much. You have been so good in your whole life and so generous and selfless. No doubt that Father David and all the saints in heaven, together with the Blessed Mother, are praying for you. Do rely on them very heavily. At the same time is a consoling English saying, "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

I am so happy that Tillie Hair, Mary Hamilton, Ruth Mongan and Pat Hoiles have visited you. I will continue telling them to visit you often and help you in your extreme poverty with their abundance of goods of this earth.

I am most thankful to the Blessed Mother for having cured my cranium and my eyes and now I am asking Her to complete Her work by curing my high blood pressure so that I be fit again to do good to others.

It is my prayer that you may stay a long time on this earth saving many souls with your prayers and sufferings. You are present in all my Masses.

Thank the Blessed Mother for being so good to me always but especially during my last sickness. Stay well now and once in a while write me a few lines on how you are getting along.

Most devotedly yours in the
Heart of the Blessed Mother,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

September 19, 1961

Miss Euni Wright McCloud
5112 W. Washington Blvd., Apt. #10
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Miss McCloud:

Thank you for your interesting letter of August 16th. Please excuse the delay in acknowledging it. I had been in the hospital recently and the letter went unopened.

Enclosed please find a novena booklet to St. Jude. Pray often to him to help you reach your desired goal. If you would like additional copies of this novena booklet, you can obtain them by writing directly to the National Shrine of St. Jude, 221 West Madison Street, Chicago 6, Illinois.

Regarding your question, the only advise that we can give you at this time is to inform you that classes are available for those desiring to become catholics. If you would like to talk to a priest might I suggest Father Michael Moran, pastor of St. Agatha's Church, 2610 S. Mansfield Ave., (Mansfield and West Adams). The telephone number is WEbster 5-8127. This church is in the area in which you live. I am sure Father Moran will help you in any way possible.

You can be sure that we will be praying for you and for all of your intentions. May God and the Blessed Mother bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F., Superior
CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES

AE:rf

Mrs. Cam Bartell
2214 Charnwood St.,
Los Angeles 32, California

September 20, 1961

Dear Mrs. Bartell:

May Our Blessed Mother of Fatima count on you always as Her other self to carry on Her message in this great archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Words fail me to express my deepest gratitude to you and to the wonderful Blue Army whose worthy president you are. Your prayers united to the prayers of so many others have brought me back to health. My physician, Dr. Roger S. McKenna, has told me twice that he didn't cure me, but God and the Blessed Mother have done it.

Do continue all these days praying much for the defeat of communism — that God may confound the enemies of the Church and find a way in His Infinite Mercy to save their souls.

Most gratefully in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Oct 6, 1961

Dear Father Alayusis;

Will you please in the masses I request ask Our Blessed Lady and St Anthony Mary Claret to show my sister Patricia & her husband the way - She is the one from back east who came to see you & has asked me to especially ask you to pray for her. The doctor has her in the hospital and I know that if you ask Our Lady she will heal you.

Today I'm bringing in my sister in law & her little boy - I didn't invite her to mass only to lunch & she said she would go to mass with me - I will ask her to have you bless her & the little boy for their safe trip back east, then I'm hoping my brother will come up & will get back to the faith ^{sacraments}.

She also has been ill & gets terrible headaches. I wish you'd write to me and tell me what to do about my sister - She is receiving shock treatments right now & I honestly don't think they are necessary if they would only forgive & Forget as God does - Why are we so stupid & why is she wasting her suffering? Why doesn't my Mother do something? I feel

you can tell me - I guess I'm looking
for conversation - but there are some
things I just can't understand.

Just write & tell me a message
for her, and tell me what to do.

My little Lisa (age 8) has been
quite impressed with the Rosary
I got from Pat Jones with the
Primary indulgence - I wish you &
pray for the successes of the Rosary
club she is going to start around
here - I personally feel the little
can do a better job than myself
& then they can ask the souls they
have freed to ask God's mercy on
the whole world -

I hope I haven't taken too much
of your time but I feel you
are closer to God than anyone
I know and if we had more of you
to set a good example things would
surely improve -

Sincerely

Josephine Pratt



**Equipo Misionero
AMERICA**

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

BARRANQUILLA de COLOMBIA. A 13 de Octubre de
1961

Mr. Frank J. Arpaia & Mrs. Catherine Arpaia.
Van Nuys.

Mis recordados amigos Frank J. Arpaia, Catherine,
Antoinette Maria, Mary Lu y Rose Marie de Arpaia:

Aprovecho un momento de vacación en mis tareas misioneras para dirigirme a Vds. y demostrarles que no me puedo olvidar de personas tan buenas y que, sobre todo, les recuerdo en el Memento de Vivos de la Santa Misa. Me bastaría para ello el cariño que les profesa mi santo hermano Aloysius, pero a ello se añade su generosidad para el sostenimiento de dos Misioneros con las Becas que aportaron, gracias a su bondad. Digo Becas, porque cada Beca en España es de 60 a 1000,000 pts, pero, yo puse el resto, desde un principio para que estuvieran completas. Cuando salí de España en el mes de Abril del año 60, me prometieron los beneficiados por sus dos Becas, que le escribirían con regularidad. No sé si han cumplido con mi encargo, porque, al hallarme tan lejos de España y tan sumamente entregado a estas tareas misioneras, no he podido seguir de cerca este particular. Cuando regrese a España veré si efectivamente han dado cumplimiento a la promesa que me hicieron.

Recuerdo con sumo cariño a esa simpática familia italiana, afincada en Van Nuys de California. Sobre todo, mis cariños están de una manera más particular por la cariñosa Mary Lu. Espero que, cuando pase a visitar a mi hermano Aloysius la encuentre con su lengua completamente suelta y al natural, porque esa niña tiene que ser muy simpática al hablar, como lo es en su proceder. No crea la formalísima Antoninette Maria que no la recuerdo también con simpatía. Me pareció que ella era una mujercita cabal a sus 10 años, que eran los que tenía ella, al pasar por su casa en visita con hermano.

Me encuentro sumamente contento en estas Misiones en las que se trabaja mucho, pero, en las que se hace mucho bien. En la última de las Misiones he casado canonicamente y según los ritos de la Iglesia Católica a 334 matrimonios que vivían amancebados. Esto se consigue luchando con cada uno de los hombres en particular, porque casi ninguno quiere el matrimonio católico por su propia voluntad; con algunos he tenido que luchar hasta más de tres horas, convendiéndolos, sobre todo, por el argumento de la legitimación de los hijos, que suelen ser numerosos y generalmente al rededor de la docena. A unos, los legitiman y a los tenidos de otras mujeres, los adoptan. Fué singulrmente bendecida del Señor el centro misional que me señalaron en Barranquilla. El Director de la Misión dijo al repartirnos los centros: "Este centro es el más difícil, inabordable y peligroso; confiamos en que los Misioneros designados podrán valerse con el favor de Dios. Era un barrio compuesto de 7,000 almas, sin Iglesia, con 4 Capillas protestantes de diferentes Credos que recorrían a diario casi las calles y casas, en intentos de nuevos prosélitos, que los habían conseguido en gran número. Valiendome, sobre todo, del altavoz, fui destruyendo los errores de cada secta protestante, de suerte que han sido muy numerosas las conversiones y retornos a la Iglesia Católica. De las 207 casas de prostitución que había en el circuito, conseguí que se cerraran 32 en una sola noche... Abundó el Sr. Obispo al centro y constituimos una Junta Civico-religiosa para la construcción de una gran Capilla Católica, con el nombre de CAPILLA DE LA SANTA CRUZ y ya están trabajando activamente en su erección. Tanto por la mañana, como por la tarde, recorría las calles con el rezo y el canto del Santo Rosario y predicando en las públicas calles según las necesidades. Cuando pasábamos junto



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a las Capillas protestantes, se exponía su doctrina y su refutación por los textos de la Sagrada Escritura. Solía terminar, retando a los Pastores Protestantes y diciendo: "Si me convencen de que Jesucristo no mandó la confesión, les doy 1,000 pesos y me hago protestante...; si me prueban su constancia histórica y doctrinal con Cristo, me hago protestante...; si quieren discutir conmigo en público, que vengan con la Biblia en la mano y nos oirán por los altavoces...; si tienen un solo texto de Cristo en que se mande leer la Biblia y nada más que la Biblia, que lo digan...; porque eso que aducen de que nuestro Señor Jesucristo dijo a los Escribas y Fariseos: ESCURIRAD LAS ESCRITURAS QUE DAN TESTIMONIO DE MÍ (San Juan Ev.) es el mayor testimonio en contra de todos los Protestantes, porque habla sólo del Antiguo Testamento, dirigiéndose a los Doctores de la Ley, para su recta interpretación y vosotros, los Protestantes decís que la Escritura debe interpretarse bajo la libre inspiración del Espíritu Santo...; y si decís que la Biblia bajo la libre interpretación, ¿por qué, entonces, la interpretáis a vuestro antojo? Si podéis contestar, hacedlo ahora..."

En estas Misiones se padece mucho, pero también se goza mucho.

Acabo de cambiar de máquina, porque los PP. Misioneros nos prestamos unos a otros nuestras máquinas de escribir, cuando no hemos traído la nuestra propia.

El mayor consuelo que tenemos en estas Misiones es el inmenso bien que hacemos en las almas. Por eso, cuando nos marchamos lloran amargamente y nos conmueven también a nosotros, porque vemos que se quedan en verdad huérfanos de auxilio espiritual. Los Sacerdotes son pocos y... tratan a la gente un poco despóticamente. Dejan de visitar a los pueblecitos encomendados a sus parroquias años enteros y, cuando les piden que vayan, piden lo que no pueden pagar... Los católicos mejor instruidos de la América Latina los hemos encontrado en Colombia, en el interior del país, pero también los católicos más ignorantes, los he hallado aquí en las costas de Colombia, hasta encontrar en algunos pueblos un cuarenta por cien que no sabían ni santiguarse y ninguna oración. Sin embargo, protestan de que son católicos y que quieren practicar la religión, como lo manda nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Entre los indios de otras naciones, aunque no supieran leer, sabían rezar y el catecismo, porque se lo enseñan unos a otros, con una fe admirable. Este Equipo Misionero Pontificio está haciendo un inmenso bien en las almas. Nos piden de todas las naciones hispanoamericanas pero, no podemos ir a todas partes. Son muchos los que enferman y tiene que retirarse, hasta restablecer la salud. Yo soy uno de los más veteranos en el Equipo. Creo que solo cinco Misioneros llevan más tiempo que servidor de ustedes en el Equipo. Y pienso seguir en él hasta que caduque mi salud. Opino que tiene que ser muy grande, cuando se presente en el cielo, saludar allí a tantas almas, por las cuales uno sacrificó todo en vida...

Adiós, mis queridísimos Frank J. Catherine, Antoinette Maria, Mary Lu y Rose Maria. Que el Señor les siga bendiciendo en todo sentido. Así lo desea este Misionero que nunca les olvidará. Rueguen por mí, como yo lo haré por ustedes.

De ustedes atto. y s.s.s.Q.S.M.B.,

Foro Maria Macario
Chico

Mrs Agnes Raven
515 S. Windsor Blvd.,
Los Angeles 5, California

October 20, 1961

Dear Mrs. Raven:

May our Blessed Mother during this Her month of the Holy Rosary, and likewise St. Anthony Mary Claret, whose feast we celebrate on October 23, bring many blessings upon you and your beloved husband and all of your lovely family.

All of us are so very happy for your safe return. No doubt your traveling abroad has again brought you so many blessings, particularly visiting the holy shrines wherein your deeply pious soul has found much strength and spiritual consolation everytime you visited them.

The five masses that you requested for Mr. Coyle have been taken care of and an acknowledgment sent to his daughter, Mrs. Taylor, as you requested.

I will be very happy to see you on any day convenient for you to come over. Please phone beforehand to assure that I will be in.

With my deepest thanks to you and John for your many kindnesses to the Claretian Fathers, I am

Most gratefully in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Gerald J. Harman
261 S. Rodeo Dr.,
Beverly Hills, California

October 20, 1961

Dear Mrs. Harman:

The CLaretian Fathers are saying the Gregorian Masses for your beloved husband. The donation you sent me has been directed for this purpose.

The funeral for Mr. Harman was so perfect all around and, above all, I enjoyed very much seeing Father Charlie at the altar offering up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for his beloved father.

It was, indeed, my great privilege to meet the Harmans. Now we have another great intercessor in heaven who will help you so much with spiritual graces to further your sanctification. He is now one of my saints. May he sooth your deep loneliness by sharing with you the infinite joy that is his forevermore.

My kindest regards to your children.

Gratefully in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

October 24, 1961

Dear Mrs. Stanford:

May the great soul of your most beloved husband from his throne above help you most efficaciously in your deep loneliness in being deprived from his loving bodily presence, and may he attract you more each day to the heavenly things. May he obtain for you soothing joy, the fulness of which is now his lot forevermore.

I pray for his soul in every Holy Mass and I pray to him, too. He had such a most noble heart and was such a sincere friend and self sacrificing helper towards his neighbor. He had such child like ways with the Almighty God and was so deeply religious. I loved him dearly from the first time I met him. His soul was so guileless.

He had such a wonderful funeral and was most deserving of it. May the realization of his eternal happiness make bearable for you his sudden passing onto heaven.

Sincerely in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Enid Akla.

Oct. 31, 1961

Dear Father Aloysius Edacuria

I am sorry to learn of
your extreme illness, hope
by this time you are fully
recovered.

Will you please offer a
Mass for the special intention
that my daughter will have
the courage to go to a priest
to see about getting her
marriage fixed. That she will
be guided to a priest who
will be willing to help her.
That God will forgive her
and bring her back to Him.

I am including you
in my prayers too, Father.

Sincerely

Mrs Viola Wagner
1319 W. Randolph
Enid Akla.

December 8, 1961

Dear Father Aloysius:

It is with deep concern that I write this letter. My husband is suffering with an infection that has continued for a period of six years or more. The doctors do not know just where the infection lies, but the pain is in the prostate area and the urine is filled with blood and infection.

I turn to you Father, because you are so close to God and His Beloved Mother. Will you please ask them to have mercy on my husband, Joe Anderson? We would be willing to make a trip to California to have you Bless him, if needed. Of course we shall abide by your decision. I am sure that you know our need and you know the will of God, so if it would be for the betterment of our souls, we certainly would make some kind of arrangements to get Joe there. Will you please let me know as soon as possible, what your opinion is concerning our trip out to see you? I have enclosed a stamped addressed envelope for your reply.

Also Father, enclosed is a check for Masses to be said for the following:

Ray & Mary Emanuelson
John & Joanne Salasco
Ted & Katherine Spencer

my husband → I have given Joe one of the Green Scapulars and a Holy Card that you sent to me. I am saying the prayer every day for Joe and Mary Emanuelson. Mary is still suffering with her back but she has had some relief for short periods of time. Today is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and we are hopeful that our Beloved Mother through her Immaculate Heart will see fit to intercede for Mary and Joe today.

Please Father, don't forget to add a little prayer for me. This poor sinner certainly needs prayers for the purification of her soul.

Dear Father, I shall say ten Rosaries for you and your intentions. May God Bless You in your work. Please answer as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Margaret Anderson

December 16th

Dear Father Alaynes —

Enclosed herewith is check for
\$10⁰⁰.

I would appreciate your including
me in a Mass on Tuesday, December 20th.
Please ask God to give me guidance and
wisdom, and that I may receive Cooperation
from those I need it from.

Also, will you kindly arrange to
have a Mass said in memory of
my sister, Evelyn Marie Grant, on
Christmas Day. My mother and I
would be so very grateful if
you can.

Thank you as always for your
Spiritual help which has carried us
through our grief-stricken ordeal.

Sincerely

Luby Hughes

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Dear Father Aloysius,

My best wishes to you
for a very blessed
Christmas. I won't forget
you in my prayers.

The last time I wrote I
asked your prayers for my
sister who had the nervous
breakdown. She and the
baby are in excellent health
now, thank God. The baby
is over a year and a fine
healthy lad. God is so good.
Thank you for your prayers.
The enclosed stipend is
asking you to say a Mass
in thanksgiving to God
for all His blessings.

May I ask you to say a

special prayer for my
brother - Priest in Africa.
He has just been assigned
to the Lepers settlement. He
is happy in God's service.

Joyous Christmas

AND BEST WISHES

FOR THE NEW YEAR

May you have a very
happy Christmas, and
May God bless you
very specially. I know
you pray for me.

Gratefully
Mother Catherine
Maria



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Father,

Jim has been
in the Hospital
in N. Y. for 3 weeks.

He is back in
The Church accord-
ing to a letter I
received from a
Dominican Chaplain.

The cancer has
spread throughout
his body. You said
he would get very
sick but this
would bring him
back to God.

Pray that he
has made a

To wish you
all the
truest joys
of Christmas

good confession.
I hope to see
you in the next
week.

God love you
Mary Conway



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Dear Father Maryann -
Please bless these
crucifixes for the grace
of a happy death. Also
your special blessing
that each time they are
besides our love for the
sacred is increased.
The label to return is enclosed.
Thank you so much.
Katie Ann Raymond

Fra Angelico - "Madonna and Child"

Father -
My brother Joseph Conway died
suddenly of a heart attack
December 4. Please offer a
Mass for his soul - and remember
his wife son and daughter in your prayers.

Christmas Greetings
and Best Wishes
for a Happy New Year



May this holy
Christmas night,
Birthday of the Little King,
With angelic songs
be bright,
Gifts of grace and
gladness bring!

Julia Fuerst

Please keep my intentions
in your prayers, dear
Father. I include you, in
my poor ones.

Could you say a few
masses for my special
intentions? I am very
concerned about my
grandson, who is twelve
years old. He's bright and
a lovely boy, but cannot
adjust himself to other
boys. I also worry about his
religion because his mother
is not Catholic. She's better
now, but I think she interfered
with his faith when he was
a child. I'm not too well
either. Very Sincerely Yours
J. Guerst



A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

Box 465 Deer Lodge, Montana
December 28, 1961

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Claretian Missionaries
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Father Aloysius:

The enclosed check for \$ 600.00 is my donation toward the education of a priest. It is sent to you at year's end because it so happens that the month of December is my best month as far as my checking account is concerned. It is then that I receive a payment on my best investment.

Thank you for your beautiful Christmas card. It is a great comfort to know that my family members and I are remembered in your good prayers.

My best wishes to you for good health and happiness,

Gratefully,


Evelyn Coughlin

Communists, fellow-travelers and CATHOLICS. It still gets more laughs from the Communists because they knew they got their biggest vote from CATHOLICS.

We have continually had the most outstanding guest speakers and the very best literature that try to inform the people. Everything we gave them was from sources that were irrefutable. Clarence Manion, former Dean of Law at Notre Dame University, Father Edward Keller, C.S.C. of Notre Dame, Father James Keller of the Christopher movement, outstanding Laymen and Statesmen, whose patriotism is of the highest calibre.

Our Legislative Board is the finest in the city, and quite possibly in the state. We study the bills that come out of Washington and Sacramento, and those that effect our daily lives we expose, both good and bad.

We examine the background of every candidate, and those who have been playing with the left-wing element, we expose, those who are 100% American, and they are very few, we support. Not as an organization but individually after information has been secured from the very best sources.

For our publications that we advocate and read they are first the Tidings, (our opposition publicly state "we would not have the filthy rag in our homes, and these people are supposedly good Catholics,) The Catholic Review, The Tablet and the Montrose Ledger, all newspapers. Magazines are The Sign (Catholic) The Freeman, (sent to us by Father Edward Keller who writes for it,) The National Republic and Human Events, the later a Washington newsletter. All are the most outstanding publications in the United States. We also buy books for the members, such as Clarence Manion's "Key to Peace," John T. Flynn's "Road Ahead" and "While You Slept." Others too numerous to mention but all outstanding for their spiritual quality or their Americanism.

Our guest speakers have included many priests, however, only those who are informed on conditions today. Some of them have been in Communist prisons, such as Father Briggs, M.M. and Father W. D. Ryan, S.J. We have also had both Father Edward Keller of Notre Dame, who is outstanding in the field of economics and Father James Keller. Father Peter Conroy of the Rosary Hour and Father Lynch of Father Peytons Office. The later two have given us good advice and encouragement.

Father Coerver of St. John's Military, one of the Advisors given to us by the Cardinal, and the other two, Father O'Day of Nazareth House and Monsignor Edward Wade have given us so much advice and aid in getting started. Now the only one we still consult regularly is Monsignor Wade. If you would like references about our group please call him.

In April we are having as our guest speaker Father Edward Keller, C.S.C. from Notre Dame. He is flying from South Bend for the express purpose of addressing our group. In May we have taken the American Legion Stadium and have been granted all Legionnaires as ushers for the address of Mr. Clarence Manion. We expect Mr. Bing Crosby to be master of ceremonies. He is in Europe but told the man who called him for us, a president of Bank of America, that he would try to return for the event. In case that fails we will have another celebrity for the occasion.

The American Legion has promised to advertise Mr. Manion's visit in every publication they have and the other Service Clubs will do the same. They are all acquainted with Mr. Manion who is one of the outstanding men in America. He was suggested by Senator Taft to head the Labor Department for the Eisenhower Cabinet.

Now I shall try to tell you something about the women who make up our Board of Advisors and who are members of THE MATERNAL HEART OF MARY GUILD.

First, myself. President. I have been a convert for approximately 18 years. I was, and my whole family, given instruction by Father James Duffin, St. Mary's Church, Desplaines, Illinois where we were baptised. Shortly after that we came to California. Since that time I have lived in St. Finbar's parish,

and my pastor is Father John O'Brien. I have been Secretary and then President of our School Guild, as my son graduated from the St. Finbar School. He then entered Notre Dame High School.

I believe Father O'Brien will give you a pretty good recommendation of me. While president for the School Guild I worked very close with the Nuns and consider them still my best friends. That includes those of St. Joseph Hospital where my daughter works as a nurse's aide. Also while president of the St. Finbar School Guild I made more money for our school than any other president before or since. I take great pride in that. I had to work the whole twelve months to do it, but it was a pleasure. I also collected more funds for the Archbishop's School Drive than any other Captain of any district.

Mrs. Maynard Rude, 1st Vice President. She lives at 1743 Wellington, and she too has been very active in her own parish. Also, she has been a member of the Catholic Women's Club for years, resigning only recently when most of their members resigned because of the new politics that have entered that Club and changed it to something very unsatisfactory. I, too, dropped out for the same reason. She has a son who is becoming a Jesuit Priest. He has only a few more years to go.

Mrs. Paul Sheedy, 2nd, Vice-president. Her husband is an attorney and she lives at 1114 S. Gramercy Place. She is the present President of the Parish Council in St. Gregory's. I am sure you will find her above the average in knowledge and spiritual qualities.

Recording Secretary is Mrs. Clem Kolegraff. She is from St. Robert Bellarmine's Parish in Burbank. She has been very active in the Catholic Daughters, holding several offices.

Mrs. Victoria Guilmette is our Corresponding Sec'y. She lives at 1250 Magnolia, L.A. She has also been a member of the Catholic Women's Club and many others in the city.

Mrs. Thomas J. Maloney, Executive Secretary is the wife of a Physician and Mrs. Gino de Solonni, treasurer, both live in Holy Redeemer Parish in Montrose. Their Pastor is Father Healey and a wonderful man. He has offered us their parish hall for our meetings but it is too far away. These two women are the backbone of the club. They have been with me from the first.

Mrs. Owen O'Malley is our social chairman, member of the Loyola Board and former member of the Catholic Women's Club. She too lives on Wellington and is a member of Transfiguration Parish. Her husband is an executive of the Libby Canned Goods Corporation.

Mrs. James Delaney, hospitality - Good Shepherd Parish, Wm. Mulvahill, Milford Taylor, Co-Chairmen. I'm not certain of what their husbands do, I only know they are very wealthy women. However, the thing that appeals to me most, they are also very devout women and love their country.

Mrs. Harold Heimbaugh lives in Our Lady of Grace Parish or St. Francis de Sales. Her husband is an attorney. She is our Ways and Means Chairman. Mrs. Muzzy Marcelinno is her co-chairman. He is a band leader and lives in St. Francis de Sales parish.

Mrs. Ferd Mendenhall also lives in the same district and her husband owns a newspaper. She is in charge of decorations. She is a very active club woman, and held the same office for the newly formed Rancho San Antoine Guild. Most of us belong to that group.

Mrs. Wm. H. Norton, Mrs. James J. O'Connor and M. Rentohler are public relations chairmen. Mrs. Norton lives in St. Francis de Sales parish, Mrs. O'Connor in San Fernando, Mrs. Rentohler in Holy Family Parish of Glendale.

Mrs. Frank Flynn is a prominent member of the Catholic Women's Club and Mrs. Beatrice Thro is a retired school teacher. They are in charge of the telephone.

Mrs. LaVera Wolfe is Chairman of the Lady of Fatima group which meets in Bishop McGucken's parish on First Sunday's.

She is also a member of Mrs. Fling's Guild and is our Con-Fraternity Chairman.

We have an evening group made up of young people which meets each week. Their Chairman is Mr. John Campbell, engineer for Bendix Corporation and graduate of Georgia Tech. and post graduate work at U.C.L.A. He is a very fine Catholic and wonderful patriot. He was sent to me from Father Peter Conroy of the Rosary Hour and we have started the young group which is working very hard. His co-chairman is Mr. Joseph McAffery, graduate of Loyola.

Mrs. Eddie Shipsted is the wife of the owner of the Ice Follies and a member of Our Lady of Grace Parish. She has been very closely associated with us since we started. She is a very devout Christian and wonderful patriot.

Mrs. Wm. Dennis is still closely associated with the Forum. She is also a member of St. Ann's Adoption Service and of the Rancho San Antoine. She is a close friend of the Brothers of Notre Dame and belongs to St. Charles Parish.

Mrs. J. S. Cortineus belongs to Blessed Sacrament Parish and has been past president of their Parish Council. She is our Hospitality Chairman in charge of guest book and the Secretary-treasurer of THE MATERNAL HEART OF MARY GUILD. She has money in the bank in the name of the Guild.

Mrs. Helen (Gerald) Draper also belongs to our Guild. She is 1st vice-president of the Loyola University Mother's Club and has a son who is becoming a Jesuit.

Mrs. Francis Gross is a member of my own parish and a human dynamo. She has raised more money for Father O'Brien than all of us put together. Her husband is employed for the Federal Government as an executive of the labor movement.

Mrs. Fred Knoth is also a member of our parish. She was the first to donate to the guild. Her husband is with Warner Bros Studios.

I have made no effort to go beyond these members for fear the Guild will not go through. To ask us to start it and then abandon us in the middle of the stream has been very discouraging. In fact, while we have received many blows that have been almost more than we could bear, this one has hurt us far more because it is spiritual and attacks us where it hurts the most.

The women connected with this organization are the dearest and most devout women in the Catholic Church. They are very disturbed with the conditions of the world and know their duty is where Pope Pius XII has encouraged us to be, in public affairs. In order to do this intelligently, they have formed this Forum for the express purpose of studying legislation with the backing of Cardinal McIntyre. While he encouraged us to study, he does not necessarily back our decisions. However, I can tell you they are exactly like his own as expressed in the Tidings. So if we are wrong, so is our Shepherd. Then it is wrong to love our country and our faith.

We cannot help feeling that you have heard rumors from our opposition who are powerful and work under-cover. I could tell you things that would astound you of your own brothers, members of the Catholic clergy. Before we started this organization I knew all members of the clergy were naturally opposed to Communism, but the way they have attacked us for just studying the activities of KNOWN COMMUNISTS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES is beyond description. I always feel dirty after trying to explain their activities against us so I won't go into it.

Evil takes on a pattern that is recognized by all good men without having to go into detail.

If it is true that our opposition can influence men as fine as you are, dear Father Aloysius, then we are whipped and the Church is definitely going, through her children, with the enemies of the Church, and not with her defenders. My church is dearer to me than my life and I cannot submerge my principles in order to be popular. I called my board together and told them

if they wanted to be the most popular club in the Archdiocese we had only to go in for World Government and all of the other New Deal, "liberal" movement. We would be written up in glowing terms in all of the daily papers including our own Tidings if only we went with the others. I was deeply gratified to hear all of them decide they had "rather be fight than president." We chose to be on the side of TRUTH which was the thing our Blessed Lord chose and was crucified for it. It is happening to us daily.

I was so discouraged about all of this that I called our Spiritual Director, Msgr. Wade and told him, "Msgr. Wade, I'm about ready to give up. This is more than I can bear. I'm making mortal enemies out of my closest friends. I am beginning to think I have lost my mind to think I can withstand all this criticism."

He said, "Stephanie, you expected to be criticized when you started this organization, didn't you?"

I said, "Yes, Msgr. I expected to be criticized by the Communists and even the Protestants. BUT NOT FROM OUR VERY OWN."

Then he answered something that has been a comfort for a long while. He said, "Stephanie, our Blessed Lord was criticized by HIS VERY OWN, and YOU ARE NO BETTER THAN HE."

Now, Father Aloysius, I expect this is an added cross for you to bear, for most of the priests that are connected with us have been called by all of the opposition and they try to discourage them and keep them away from us. Only the priests that are also well informed in politics have taken our part and still attend our meetings every month.

If this is causing you added embarrassment, we would not for the world add to your burden. Just forget the whole thing and we will understand. In fact if it will cause you less embarrassment you can laugh the whole thing off and it will sound like we have had another dream. One woman came up to me and told me that you would never be allowed to come to us, "that THEY had to be very careful who you were sent to."

It is usually some consolation in knowing you are RIGHT, but today I find no consolation even in that thought. When I look at the dear kind friends I've lost, women and men who are not evil, but who remind me so much of the people Pope Pius X spoke of when he said, "It is the good people who are destined to do the work of anti-Christ, good once and we hope good still, who are maneuvered into wrong camps." And today, we find ourselves fighting, or rather in opposition to the GOOD PEOPLE.

I also remember a sermon given by Father Burke of Loyola once when he said, "there is one question all of us will have to answer some day and that is WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THE GIFTS I HAVE YOU and if you have not used them ON A LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE you will be held accountable."

If you call Cardinal McIntyre you will get a good recommendation of us, and also from Msgr. Wade. But if you call any other member of the Chancery, Msgr. O'Dwyer, Dignan, McGhikken, and Father Hawkes you will not. I can name you many priests who will give you a good report on us, but I could also give you twice that many names who say we are all worse than Paul Blanchard a known Communist fellow traveler.

Of all the women in the archdiocese I felt we needed a spiritual evening with you more than any of them. We work so hard, many times I've gone three days and nights without even walking down toward my bedroom, that one evening a month with a spiritual director who would counsel us on spiritual matters, a man who has definitely kept his vow to walk in the footsteps of Christ, a vow so many of us forget today, then I would be so grateful and all the others as well.

However, as much as we want it and as happy we would be, we would far more rather give it up and go on as we have been than to cause you one moment's worry.

These women have had so many hard knocks that they will understand. Next month I will just tell them it didn't go through for some reason unknown. They can take it in their stride. Perhaps they will be better women for it. Did you not tell me, or was it Mrs. Fling, that the priests refused even to hear the confession of St. Threasa of Avila. Well, so far we have not come to that, however, it is probably in the offing.

I keep wondering why I was selected to do the work of our Blessed Lord. Why I was selected to be tried over and over again. I definitely am not made of the material required for these tests. I may as well confess I keep looking for avenues of escape. I have asked so many times, "how did I get in this work and how can I get out of it without causing too much comment." Believe me, I have been searching diligently for someone I could place this burden on. Every woman refuses to take the job of president although I have found numberless of them that want to help. I keep looking at each one and think, how much more deserving she would be than I, she would not despair over and over as I have done.

There are always two sides to every story and I must admit the devil's path seems so bright and attracts so many of us. Never have I, even for a moment, wished to travel with him, but I just feel incapable to direct so many fine women without spiritual guidance at best.

But if it is not to be, then it is not to be, and I shall at least know you wanted to at one time and that we have your prayers. That is very comforting, Father Aloysius.

I am enclosing an article that was written by Msgr. Wade for the Tidings.

Just to mention one thing that has happened to us. Msgr. O'Dwyer, and I don't hesitate to use his name since he no doubt would boast of this, sent a Mrs. Wood into our group to write up the proceedings of our meetings. These so-called "minutes" were sent out to many members of the clergy, several of them good friends of mine that called me and read parts of them to me over the phone.

One statement he attributed to me was that I had shouted, "SIT DOWN, JEW." The priest that asked me about that statement said, "Stephanie, how could you say such a thing? What has happened to you?" Now I ask you, how can you answer a false charge like that. It is not my nature to shout, nor do we have any Jews in our organization. He also said one of our members tried to commit suicide because HER CAT DIED. That too is utterly false, but Father Walshe Murray devoted a whole sermon to it and used it in his class at Loyola daily for a long while. These priests think they actually are reading from our MINUTES. We have tape-recordings of every meeting we have ever held, but how to get to the priests and make them hear them is another problem.

As I said, that is JUST ONE ACCUSATION. I still think losing you is harder to bear. But I knew I didn't deserve you when you offered to come. I was just selfish enough to take advantage of the offer, which has proven to be wrong or you would have been able to come to us.

Something else has just struck me. There is no reason why the other women should be deprived of your presence just because of me. If it is a personal thing, perhaps you could meet at one of the other women's homes and have another director. That would be alright with me, for rather than lose you altogether, I will gladly stay away. I will benefit from it even though I am not present. They will tell me all about it.

Good bye, Father Aloysius, and please keep praying for us even though we do not ever see you again. God bless and keep you safe.

Sincerely

Stephanie

February 2, 1961

Rev. Fr. Richard Trevino CMF
Provincial Treasurer
1119 Westchester Pl.
Los Angeles 19, Calif.

Rev. and Dear Father:

Our Community is happy to be able to present to the Provincial Treasury the sum of \$16699.06 which we have collected during the Second Semester of 1960. The following is an itemized list of the donors:

The Barnes Family	\$3000.00
St. Anthony M. Claret Guild	\$9000.00
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Mary's Immaculate Heart Guild Hollywood	\$50.00
Gamendi, Tony Arpaia, Howard Sweeney for Retreat House	\$220.00

Please find this total enclosed: \$4699.06

Very sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, CMF
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Rev. Fr. Michael Cecere, CMF
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Very Reverend and dear Father Provincial:

The following benefactors have offered money for Novitiate Chapel needs:

Mr. & Mrs. O.C. Beck have given \$2,250.00 for the stations of the cross. They have requested them to be of marble or mosaic. Possibly you may find the desirable stations while residing in Italy.

Mrs. Josephine Sprague has given \$1,200.00 for the altar.

Marie T. O'Donnell has not yet given her offering, but is going to donate for the statue of the Immaculate Heart which shall go on the main altar.

May God bless you in the work you are doing for the Province and for the Congregation.

Sincerely in Corde Matris,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, CMF